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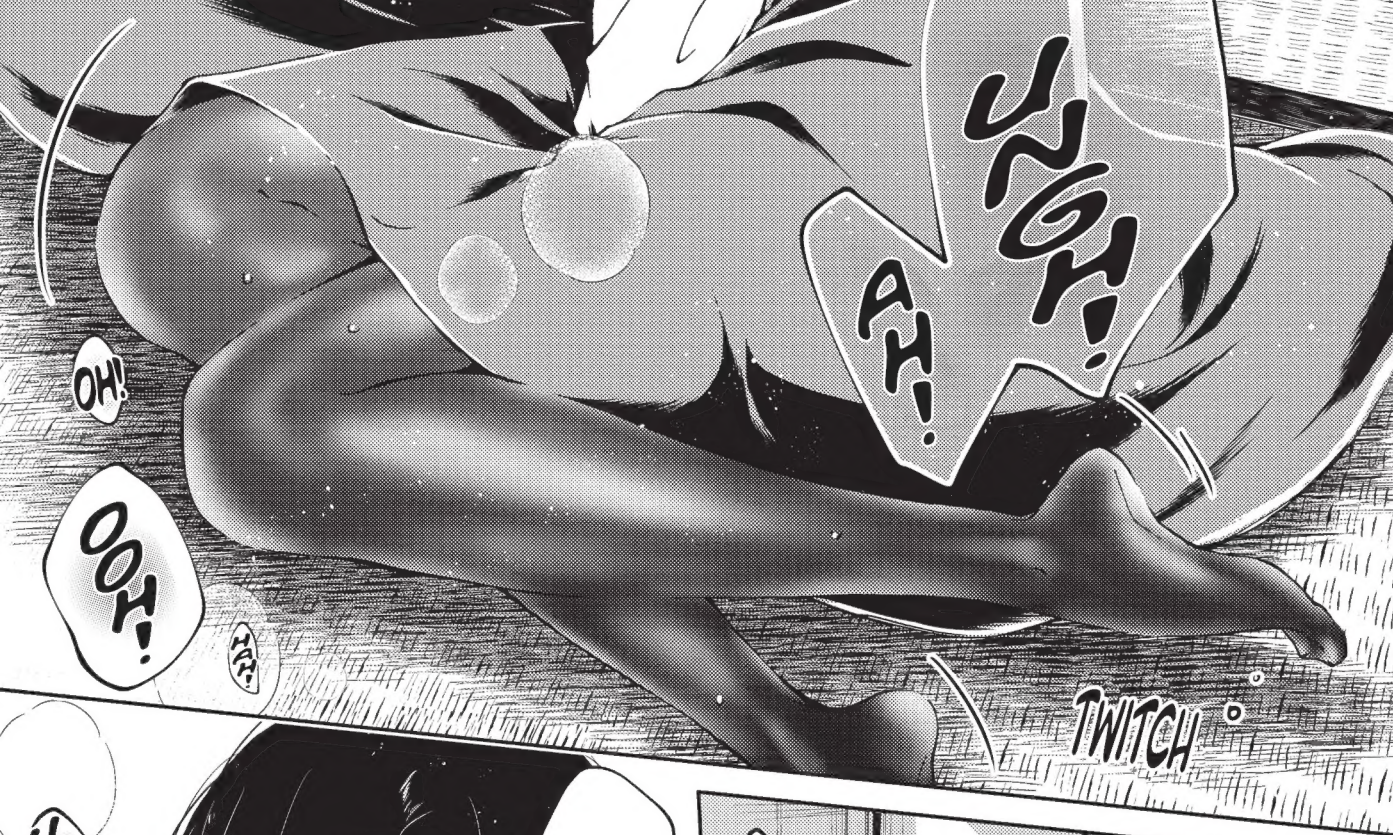
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Transparent  
Light  
Blue





CAN I...

PUT IT IN MORE?



SORRY, ICHIKA.

DID THAT HURT?



A LITTLE ...

BUT I'M OKAY.



THIS  
STRANGE  
FEELING  
KEEPS  
GROWING  
INSIDE  
ME.

I'M  
GOING  
DEEPER,  
THEN.

NO.

YEAH.

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

ARE  
YOU  
SCARED?

HAH!

AH!

UGH!

I  
TRUST  
YOU,  
RICCHAN.

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!





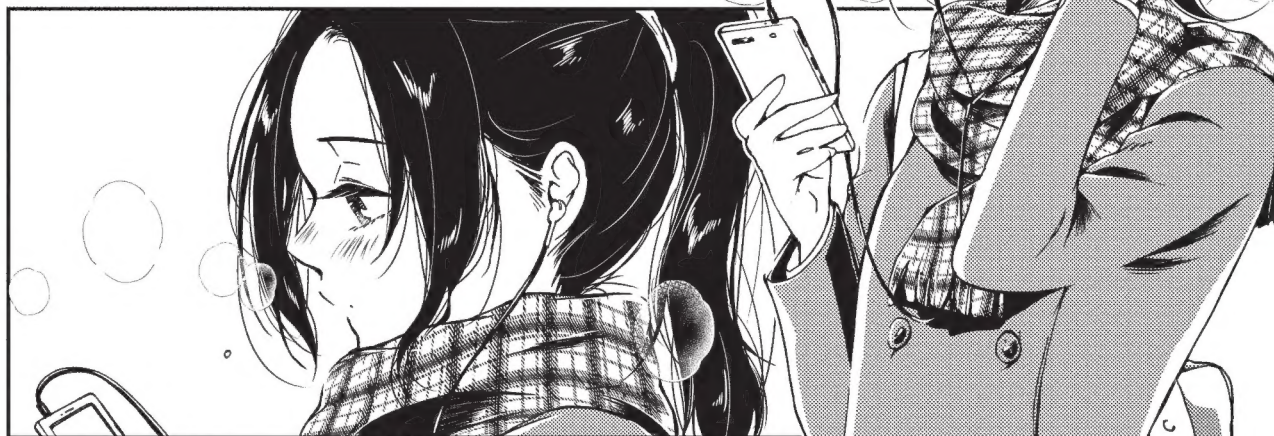
## Chapter 1





THREE  
UNITS  
NEAR THE  
STAIRS,  
ALL IN A  
ROW.

BUILDING  
SIX,  
FOURTH  
FLOOR.



AND SO  
US KIDS  
BECAME  
FRIENDS  
AS WELL.

OUR  
PARENTS  
QUICKLY  
BEFRIENDED  
ONE  
ANOTHER...



RICCHAN!



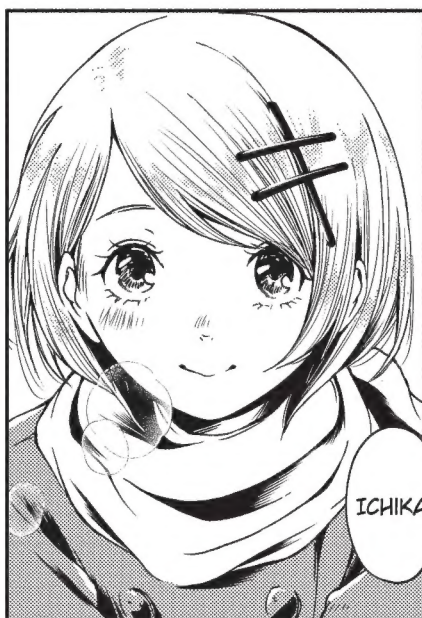
FROM  
KINDER-  
GARTEN  
THROUGH  
HIGH  
SCHOOL.

MORNING!

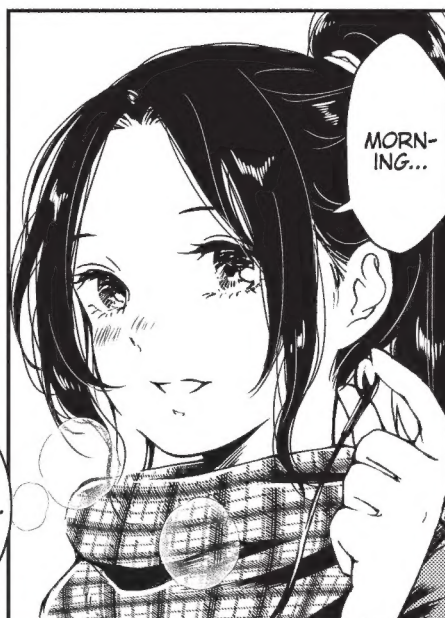
WE'VE  
ALL BEEN  
FRIENDS  
EVER  
SINCE...



SHUN.



ICHIKA.



MORN-  
ING...



YOU  
TWO  
ARE SO  
FUNNY!

SHUT  
IT.

AND  
YOU  
SAY I'M  
LAZY?

CAN  
I?

YOU  
CAN  
COPY  
IT TOO,  
RICCHAN.

COME  
ON,  
GUYS.  
NO  
FIGHTING!

WHAT  
?

I THINK  
YOU'RE  
JUST  
LAZY.

I  
WASN'T  
ASKING  
YOU,  
RITSU.

AGAIN,  
SHUN?

ICHIKA,  
CAN I COPY  
YOUR MATH  
HOMEWORK?

I WAS  
SO TIRED  
AFTER  
PRACTICE,  
I FELL  
ASLEEP  
BEFORE  
I COULD  
DO IT.



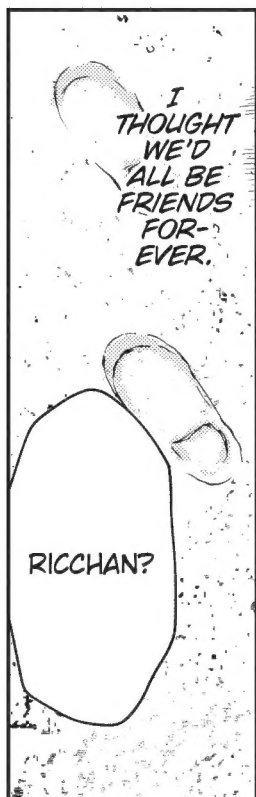


AND SHUN  
BECAME  
ICHIKA'S  
BOY-  
FRIEND

ICHIKA  
BECAME  
SHUN'S  
GIRL-  
FRIEND...



A  
LITTLE  
WHILE  
BACK...



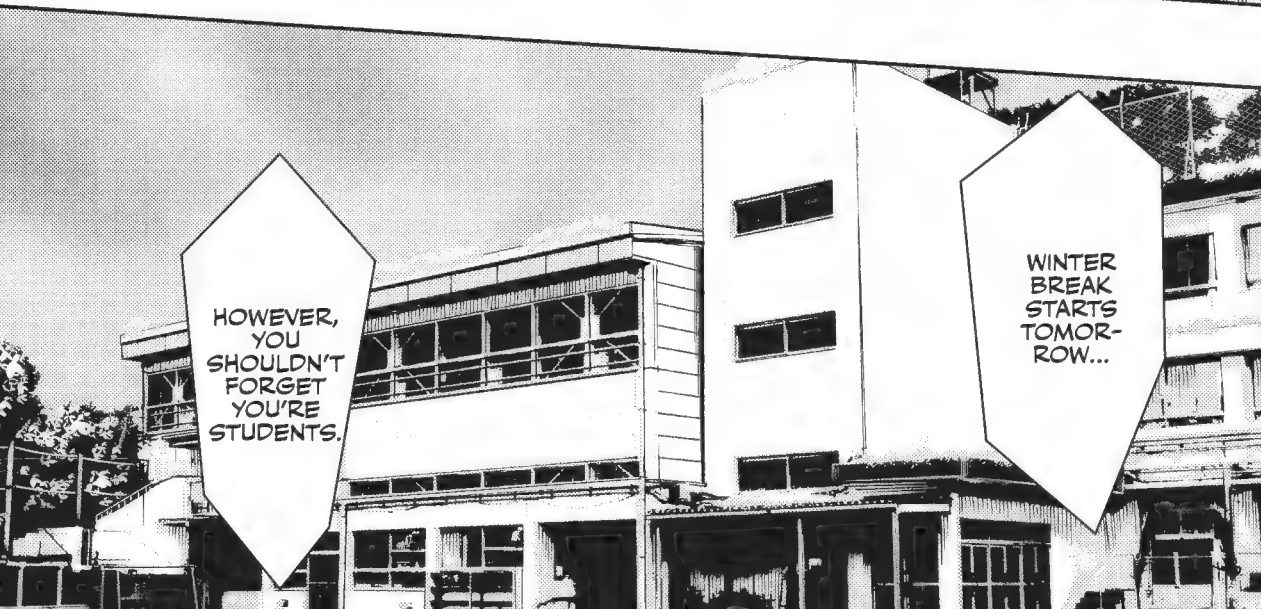
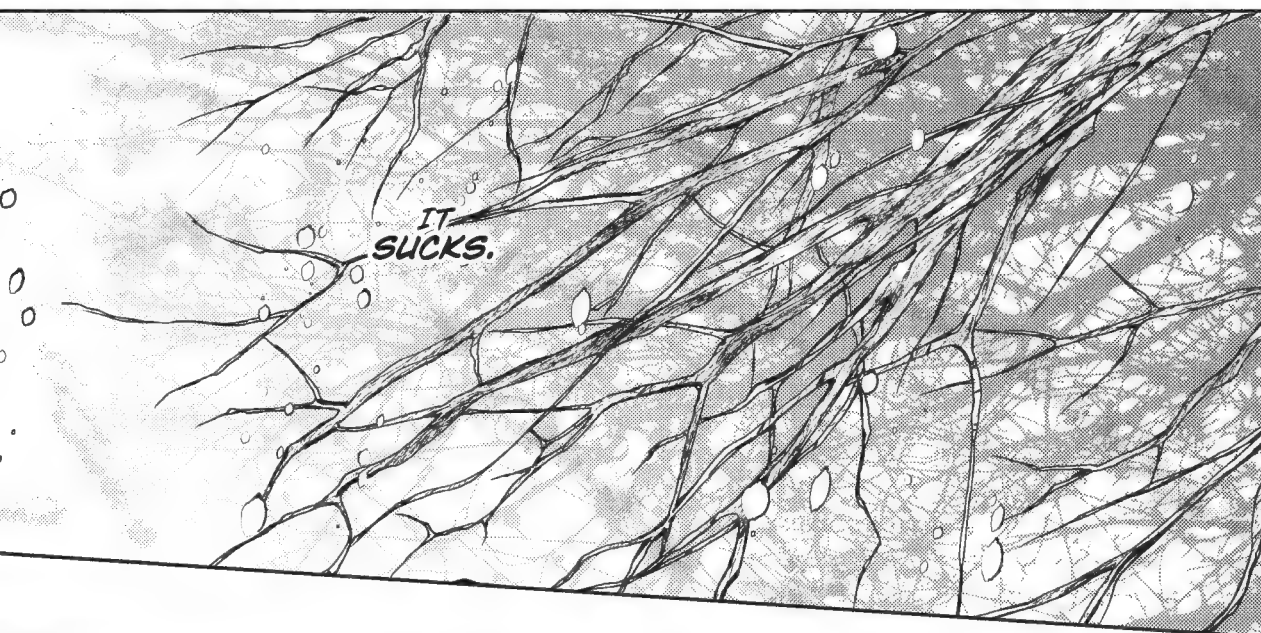
I  
THOUGHT  
WE'D  
ALL BE  
FRIENDS  
FOR-  
EVER.

RICCHAN?

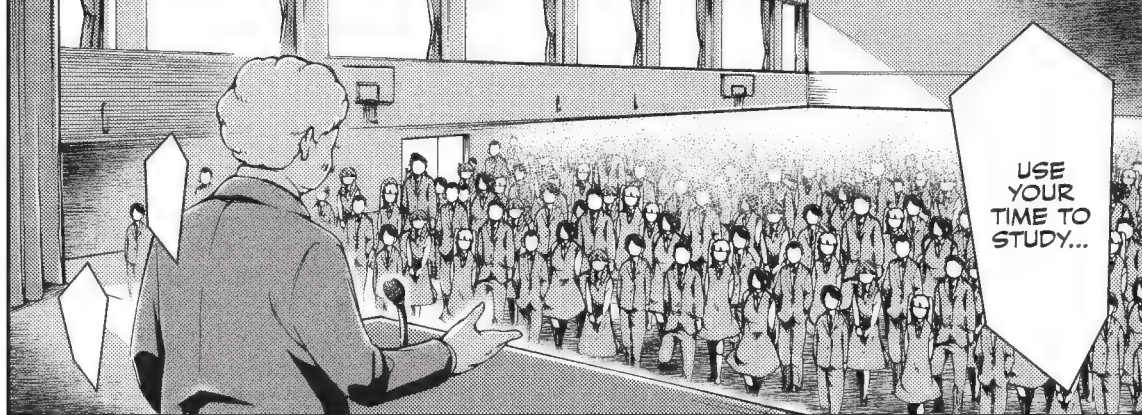


I  
THOUGHT  
THINGS  
WOULD  
NEVER  
CHANGE.









USE  
YOUR  
TIME TO  
STUDY...



IT'S  
NOT TILL  
AFTER  
NEW  
YEAR'S.

IT'S A  
PRACTICE  
MATCH.

BUT  
YEAH.



HUH  
?!

A  
MATCH  
?!

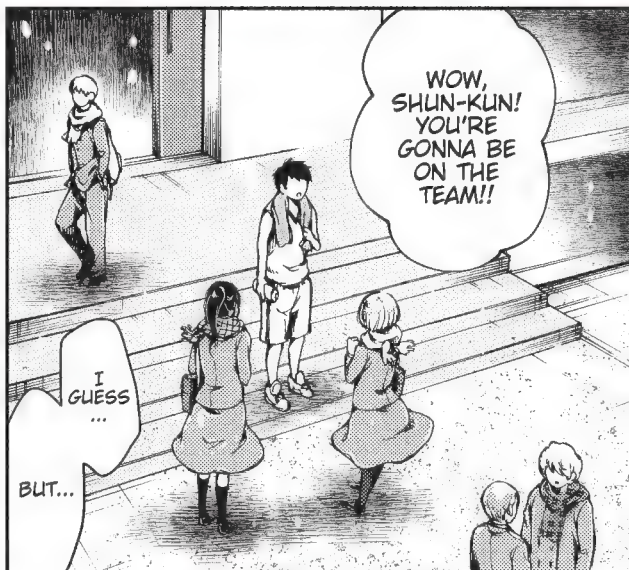
YOU'RE  
GONNA  
PLAY?!



IT'S ONLY  
'CAUSE THE  
BASKETBALL  
TEAM  
DOESN'T  
HAVE ENOUGH  
PLAYERS.

STILL, IT'S  
AWESOME  
NEWS!!  
RIGHT,  
RICCHAN?!

I'LL BE  
PRACTICING  
ALL BREAK,  
SO I'M  
NOT GOING  
TO BE  
AROUND  
MUCH.



WOW,  
SHUN-KUN!  
YOU'RE  
GONNA BE  
ON THE  
TEAM!!

I  
GUESS  
...

BUT...



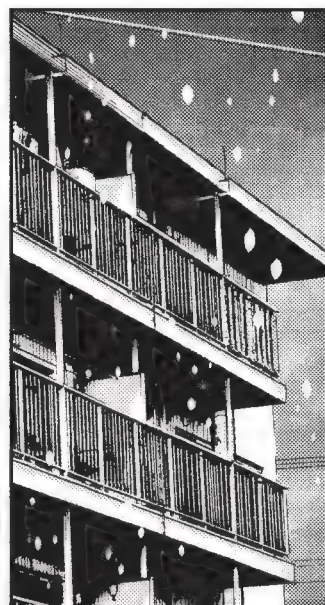
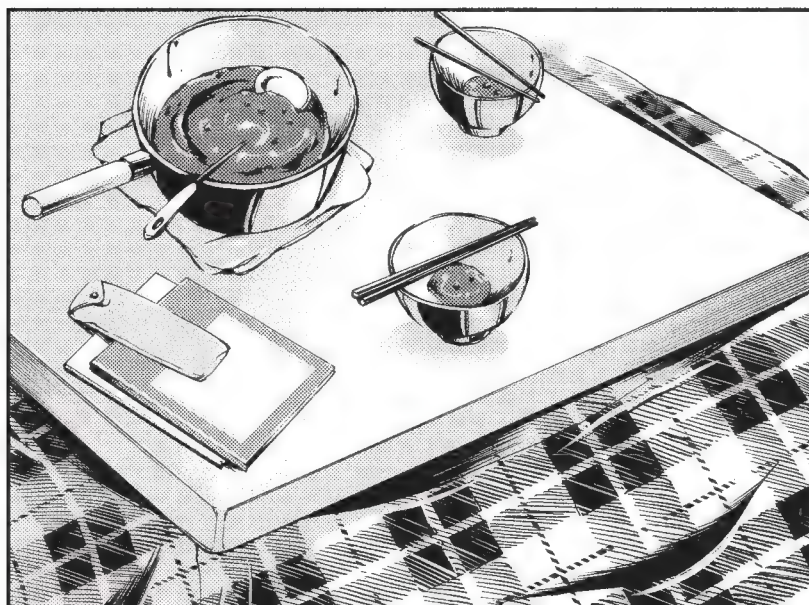
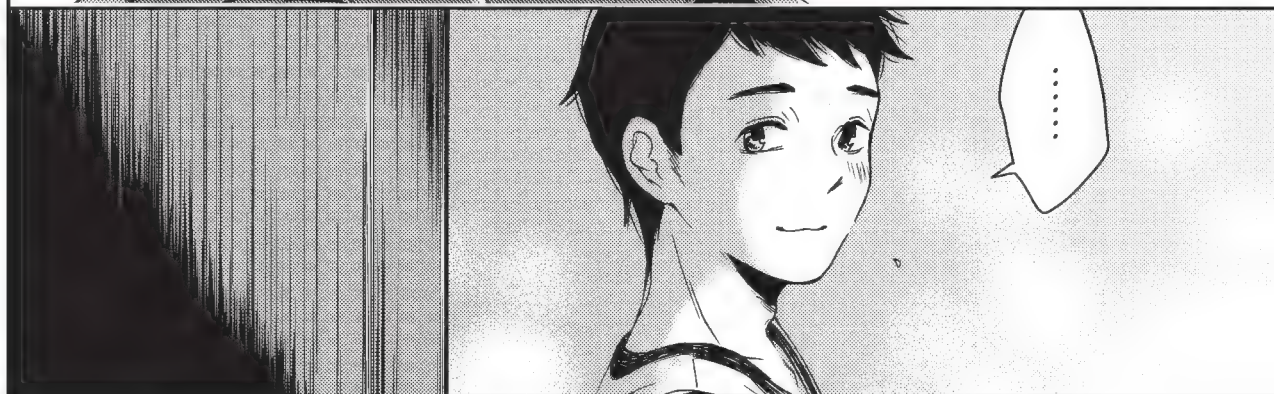
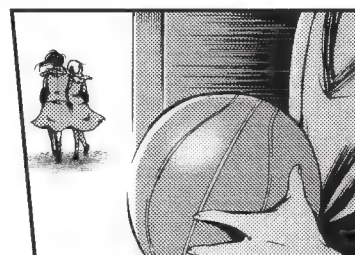




YOU  
ALWAYS  
BURN THE  
MOCHI,  
ICHIKA.

HEY,  
RICCHAN,  
LET'S HAVE  
ADZUKI SOUP  
AS A SNACK!

I WON'T  
BURN IT  
TODAY, I  
SWEAR!



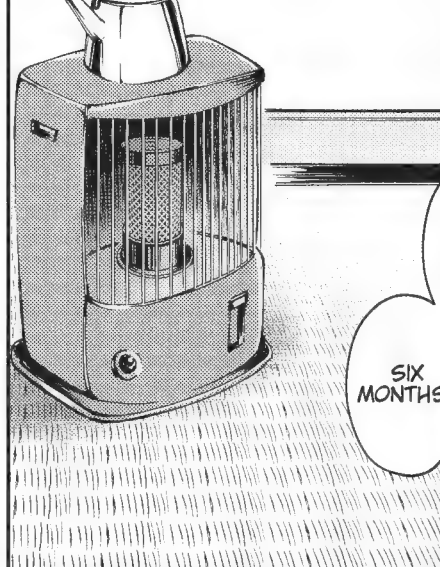








SINCE WHAT?



IT'S BEEN, WHAT?

SIX MONTHS?



RIGHT?

SINCE YOU STARTED DATING SHUN...



HEY...

HAVE YOU KISSED HIM YET?



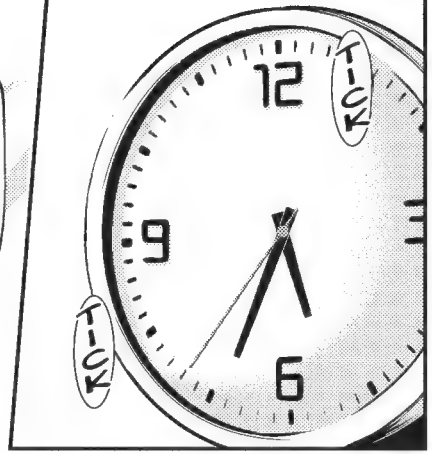
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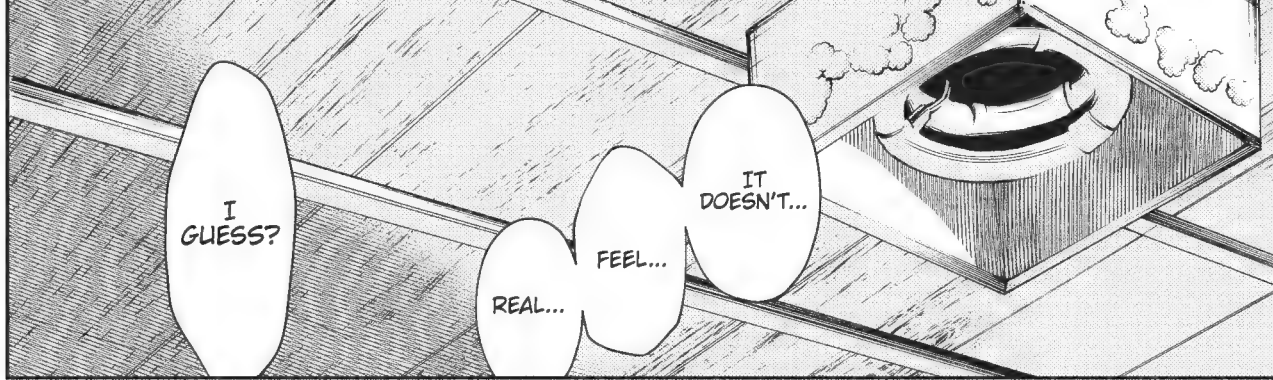
UH...

WELL ...





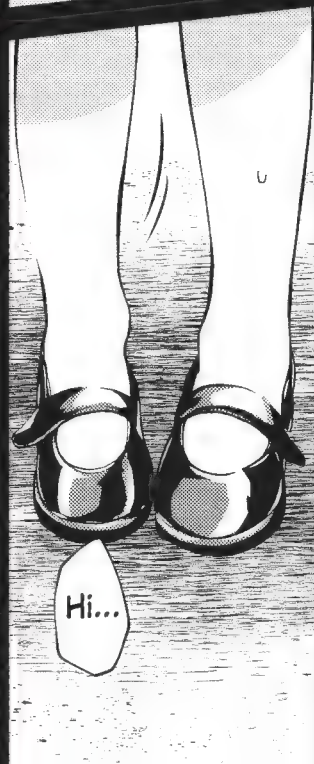








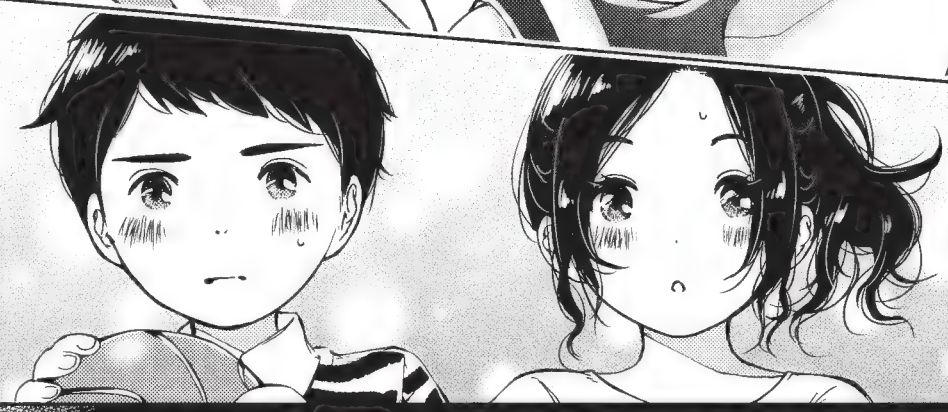




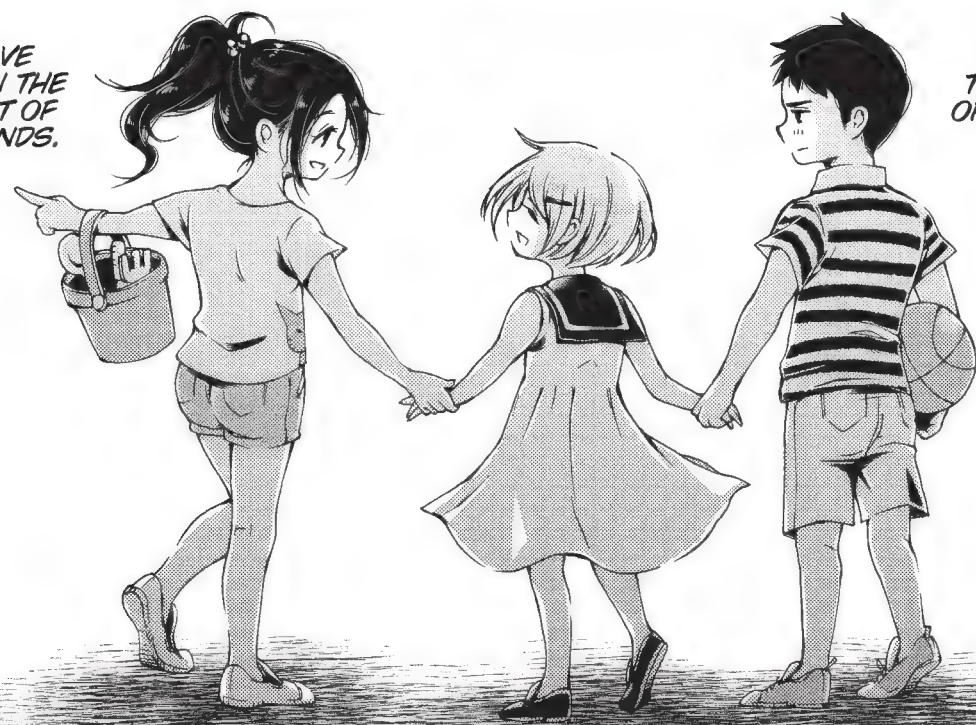




Hello!



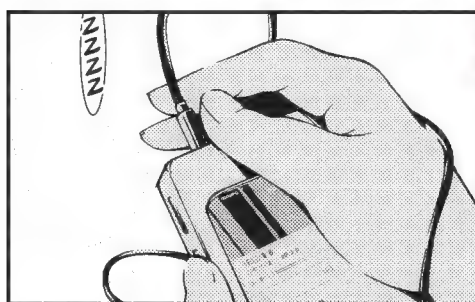
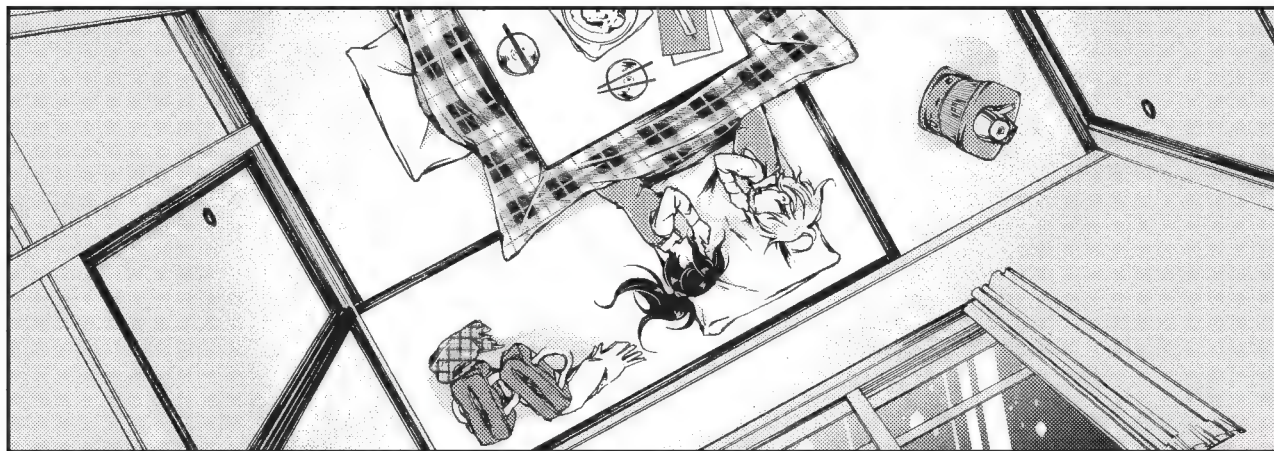
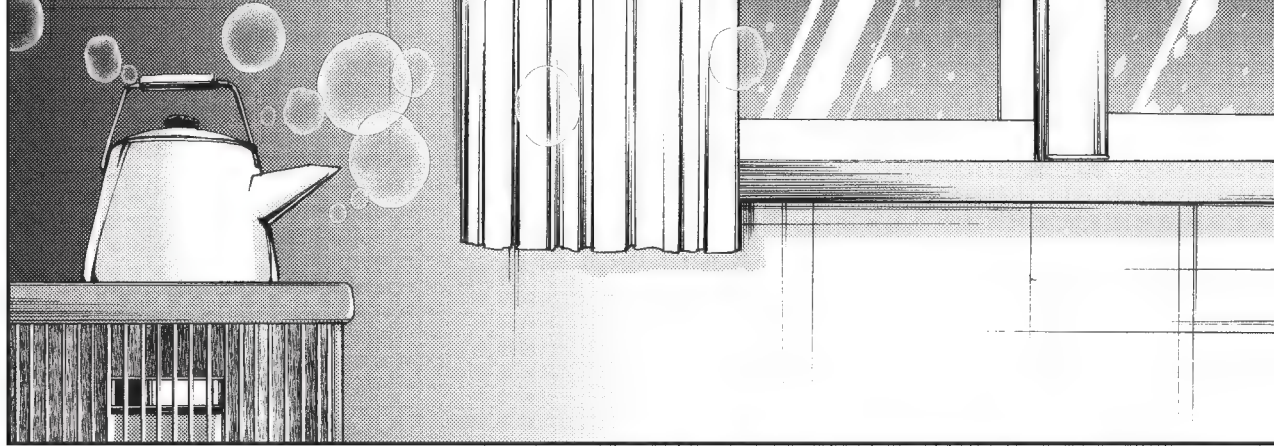
EVER  
SINCE  
THAT  
DAY...



HAVE  
BEEN THE  
BEST OF  
FRIENDS.

THE  
THREE  
OF US...

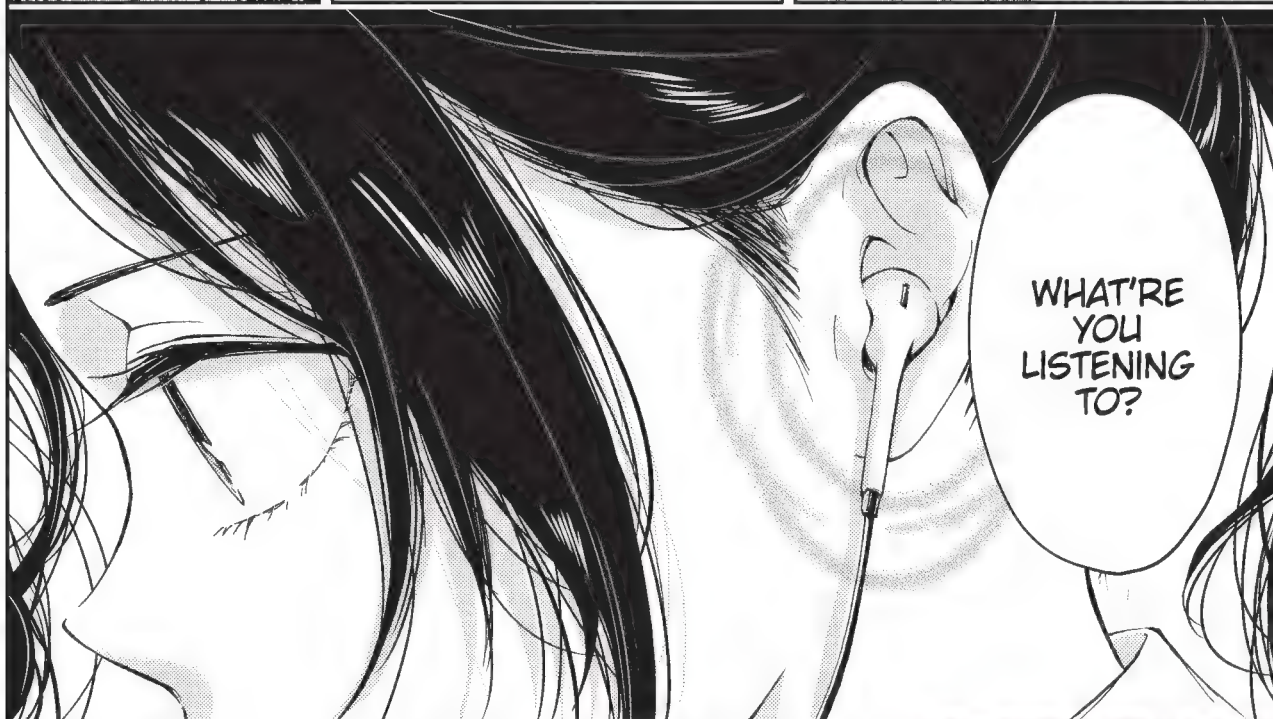
















IF YOU REALLY WANNA LISTEN...

HEH...

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LISTENING TO?!

I'LL PUT IT ON FOR YOU.



EEEEEE!



W H A A A ?!

IT'S A SCARY STORY.

SHUDDER



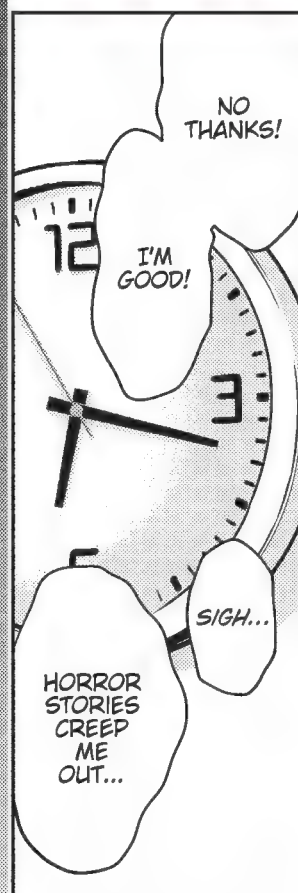
EVER SINCE YESTER-DAY...

I FEEL LIKE I NEED IT.

PLEASE?

HEY?

WILL YOU CLEAN MY EARS AGAIN?



NO THANKS!

I'M GOOD!

SIGH...

HORROR STORIES CREEP ME OUT...





I'M HOME!

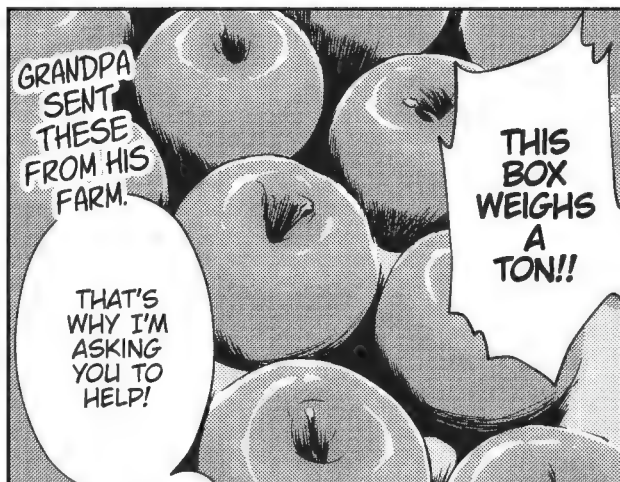
I'M SO HUNGRY!

OH!

SHUN?



SURE.



GRANDPA SENT THESE FROM HIS FARM.

THIS BOX WEIGHS A TON!!

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO HELP!



YEAH?

CAN YOU TAKE THESE...



SHFF...

MAKE SURE THEY MAKE IT INSIDE, OKAY?

WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS...

WELL, GET GOING!



OVER TO RICCHAN'S?

WAH?!

WITH LOVE FROM THE NORTH  
APPLES

WHUMP





UNGH!

HAH!

AH!

HAH!

HAH!

AH!

HAH!

AH...

DADA

OH!

UNGH!

HAH!

FEEL GOOD, ICHIKA?

DOES THAT...

Twitch  
X  
Ker

RICCHAN ...!

HAH!

AH!

UH-HUH ...

YEAH.

HAH!





HUH?

WHEN'D WE  
START  
DOING  
THIS?

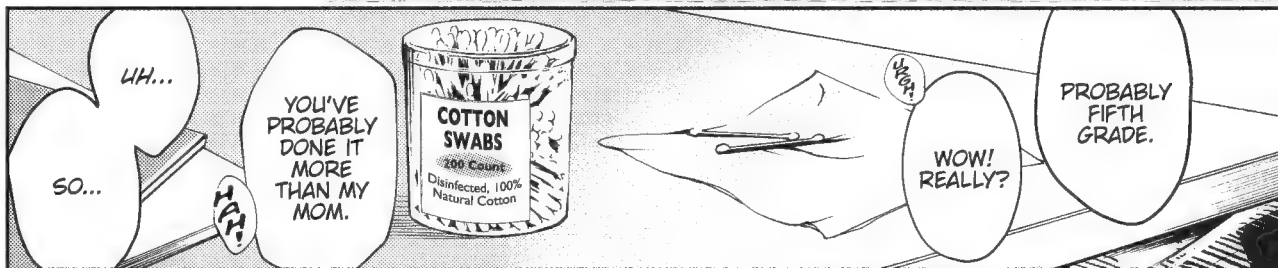


IT'S  
FEELS  
SO  
GOOD...

WHEN  
YOU  
DO IT,  
RICCHAN.

SIGH!

MAN...



UH...

SO...

YOU'VE  
PROBABLY  
DONE IT  
MORE  
THAN MY  
MOM.

COTTON  
SWABS  
100 Count  
Disinfected, 100%  
Natural Cotton

UH?

WOW!  
REALLY?

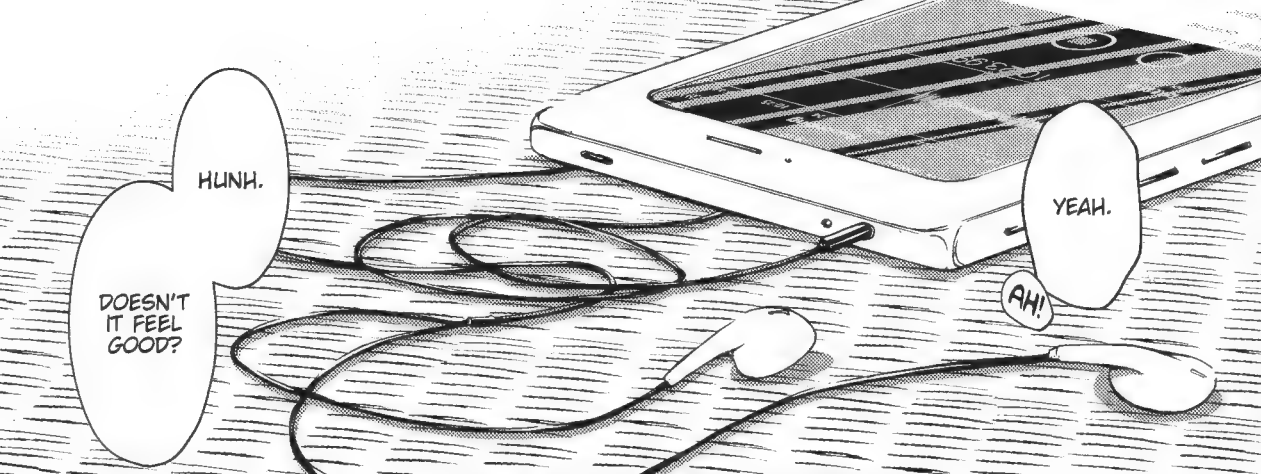
PROBABLY  
FIFTH  
GRADE.



DO  
YOU DO  
THIS  
FOR  
SHUN...

AS  
WELL?



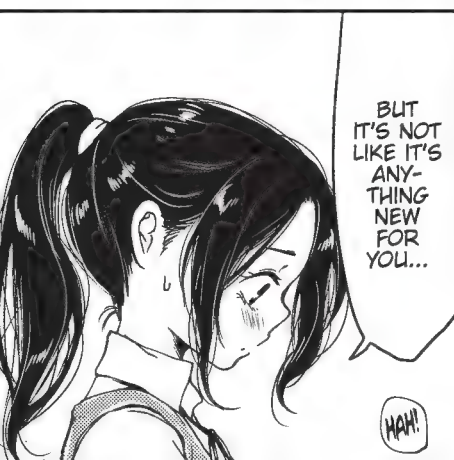


HUH.

DOESN'T  
IT FEEL  
GOOD?

YEAH.

AH!



BUT  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE IT'S  
ANY-  
THING  
NEW  
FOR  
YOU...

HAW!



IT'S  
FINE  
WHEN  
YOU  
DO IT.

IT'S  
CAUSE  
SHUN'S  
A  
GUY...



I'M  
SCARED,  
I  
SUPPOSE.



UH,  
NO.

I  
JUST  
DO IT  
ON MY  
OWN.

I  
DON'T  
HAVE  
HIM DO  
IT FOR  
ME.

OOH!

WHY  
NOT?





BUT  
WITH  
YOU,  
RICCHAN...

I  
DON'T  
FEEL  
SCARED.

I'M  
SAFE.

I  
**TRUST**  
YOU.



YOU  
DON'T  
EVEN  
KNOW  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON.







IT'S  
PROBABLY  
UNLOCKED.

GRAB

ICHIKA?

COTTON  
SWABS

200 Count  
Disinfected, 100%  
Natural Cotton

FALL  
ASLEEP  
AGAIN?

DID  
YOU...

















WHAT  
THE...?

ZZZ

ZZZ

ZZZ







## Chapter 2





















HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

ICHIKA?

ARE YOU...

SHUN-KUN!  
I...

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

ICHIKA--

ICHIKA--

HEY...

SLAM

ICHIKA.

GOOD NIGHT...

YEAH.

YEAH.

YOU TOO.









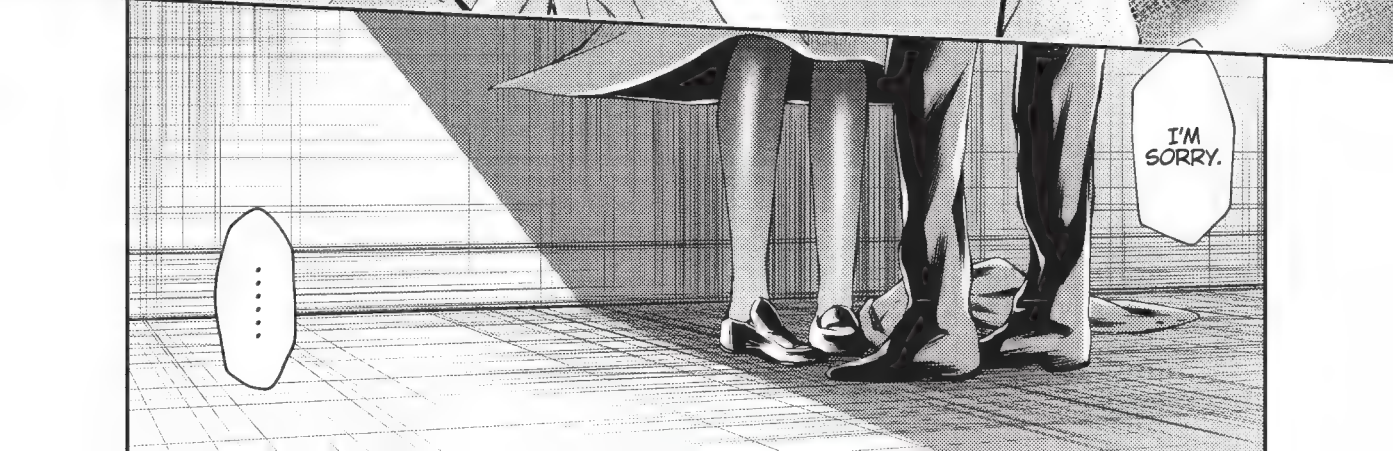
I'M...  
SO SORRY.  
HAH!

HAH!  
I JUST...

HAH!

SHUN  
...  
KUN  
...

HAH!



I'M SORRY.

.....





AND  
THEN  
IT WAS  
NEW  
YEAR'S  
DAY...



THE  
THREE  
OF US  
DIDN'T  
HANG  
OUT AT  
ALL.

AFTER  
THAT...



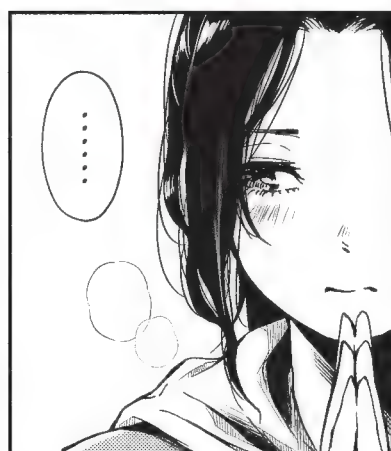
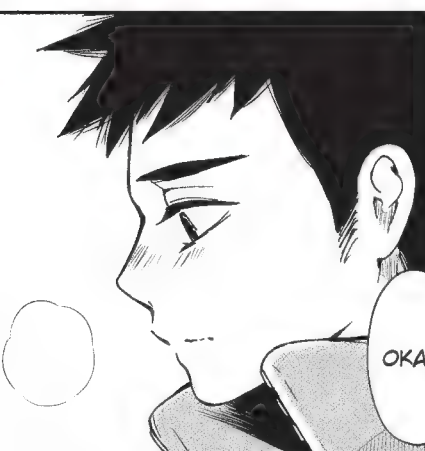
CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER





Stall signs from right to left: Senbei, Takoyaki, Yakisoba.





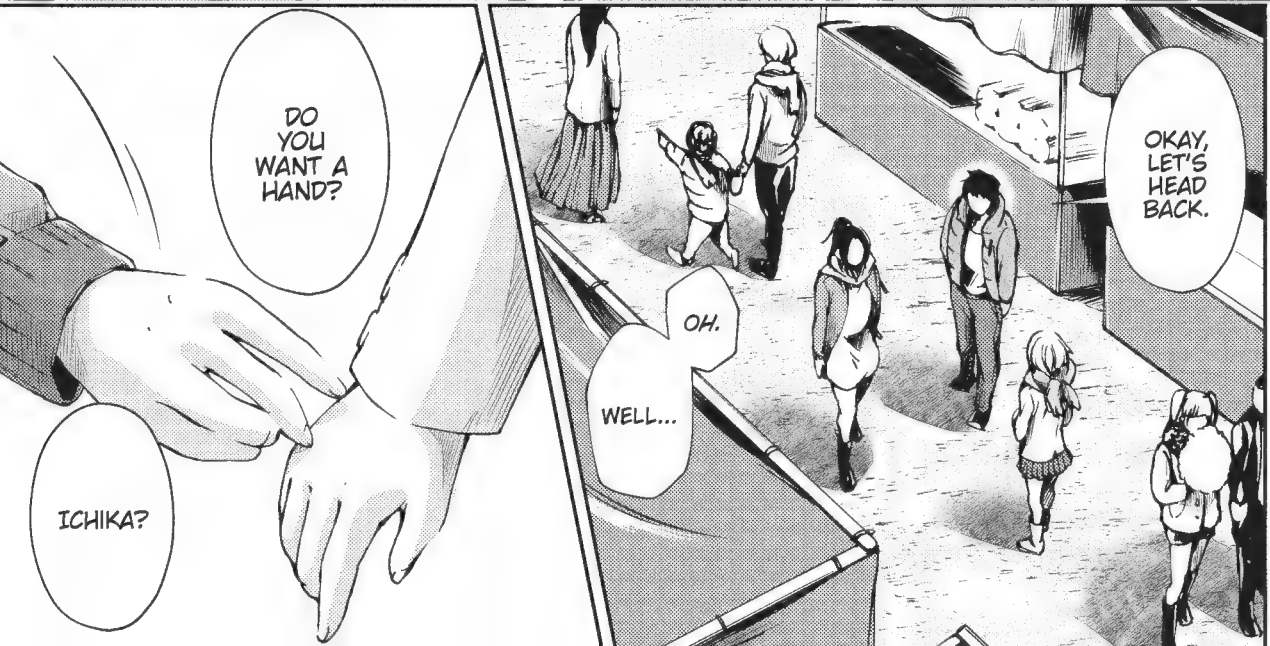




I  
GUESS?



MOM  
WANTS ME  
TO RUN  
SOME  
ERRANDS.



DO  
YOU  
WANT A  
HAND?

OKAY,  
LET'S  
HEAD  
BACK.

OH.

WELL...

ICHIKA?





HUH?

FLINCH

!



ICHIKA?



DASH

THANKS!

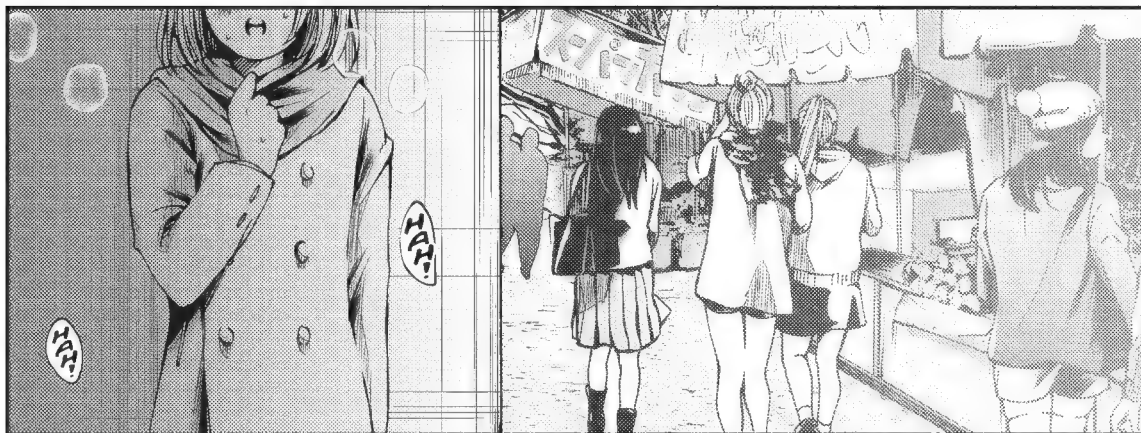


I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN!

NO!

I'LL...





RICCHAN...

WHY?



MY  
CHEST  
HURTS  
WHEN  
I'M  
AROUND  
HER.



WHY  
IS IT SO  
DIFFERENT  
FROM THE  
WAY I FEEL  
ABOUT  
SHUN-  
KUN?

WHY?

WHY  
CAN'T  
I LOOK  
RICCHAN  
IN THE  
EYE  
WHEN I  
TALK TO  
HER?



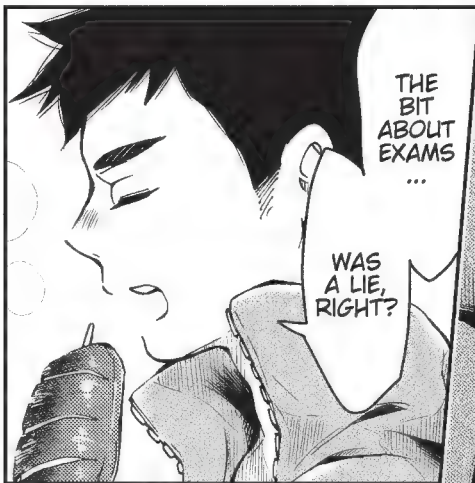




YOU...



WISHED  
FOR  
SOME-  
THING  
ELSE,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?



THE  
BIT  
ABOUT  
EXAMS  
...

WAS  
A LIE,  
RIGHT?



YEAH.  
I  
WISHED  
...



WHY'D  
YOU  
GO  
AND  
DO  
THAT?

YOU'RE  
SO  
MEAN.





HEY...



THAT  
THE TWO  
OF YOU  
WOULD  
BREAK  
UP.



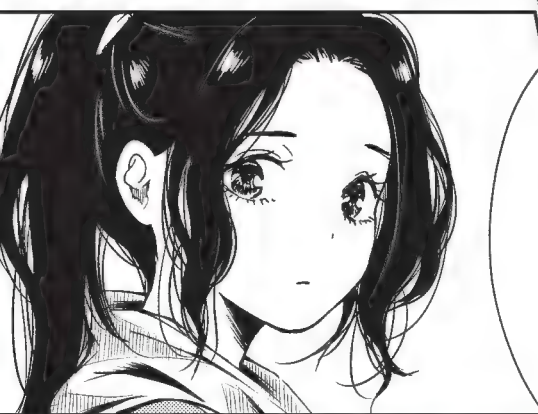
WITH  
THAT  
KISS?

WHAT  
WAS  
UP...



ARE  
YOU IN  
LOVE WITH  
ICHIKA  
OR  
SOMETHING?









SOME-  
THING.  
ANY-  
THING.

JUST  
BE  
HONEST!  
TELL ME  
I'M GROSS  
FOR LIKING  
HER!

H-HOW  
CAN YOU  
BE SO  
STUPID BUT  
ACT ALL  
MATURE?!

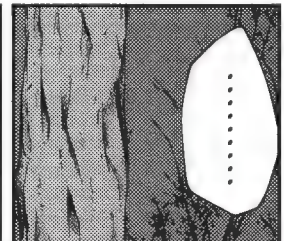


AND  
YOU  
CALL  
ME  
STUPID?



WHY'D  
YOU  
START  
DATING  
HER?

WHY'D  
YOU  
ASK  
HER  
OUT?



WHY  
COULDN'T  
YOU JUST  
LET US  
ALL STAY  
FRIENDS?!



IT'S  
YOUR  
FAULT,  
SHUN.

ALL  
OF IT'S  
YOUR  
FAULT.





I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING!

SAYIN

YOU'RE IN THE SAME BOAT I AM.

NO, I'M NOT!

SAYIN

WELL...



I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I FELT THIS WAY!

NOT UNTIL ALL THIS HAPPENED!!



SO I'M THE BAD GUY, THEN?

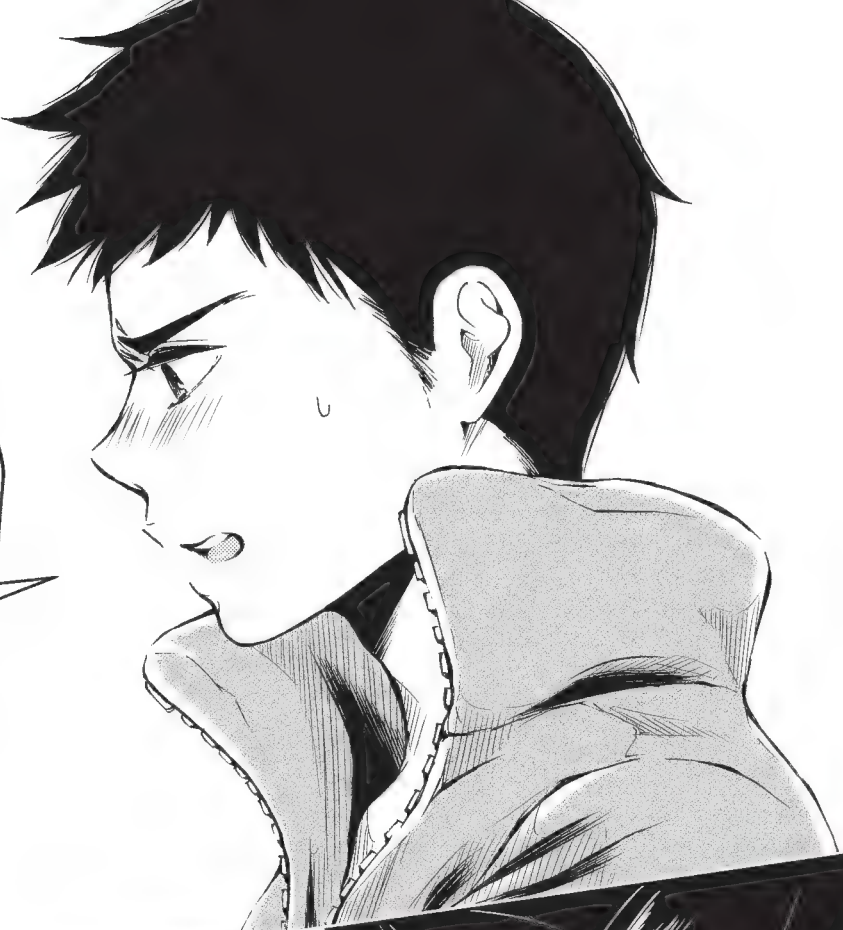
GRIP...

WHAT THE HELL...

DOES THAT MEAN?

YEAH!





I  
THINK THE  
PERSON  
WHO  
SECRETLY  
KISSED  
THEIR  
SLEEPING  
FRIEND IS  
THE REAL  
BAD GUY.



BUT  
FINE.



BUT  
I'M NOT  
GONNA  
TO GIVE  
UP.

IF YOU  
WANNA  
HATE ME,  
HATE ME.





BUT...

THEN  
...



IT'S  
...

IT'S  
OVER.



I  
HAVEN'T  
GOT A  
CHANCE.

I  
LOVE  
ICHIKA.





HOW  
I  
FEEL.

AT  
LEAST  
I TOLD  
ICHIKA...



"I WISH  
ICHIKA  
WOULD  
LOVE ME  
BACK."



WHAT...

DOES  
THAT  
MEAN?





THE  
MOMENT I  
THOUGHT  
THAT...

THEY  
WON'T BE  
RETURNED.

THESE  
FEELINGS  
I HAVE...

IS WHEN  
MY LOVE  
FOR HER  
BEGAN TO  
GROW.



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
WISHED  
FOR.



ICHIKA...

MY  
HEART  
HURTS  
SO  
BADLY.











YEAH,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



YEAH.

I'M  
NOT A  
KID ANY-  
MORE...

JEEZ!

OF  
COURSE!



IT WAS  
NEW YEAR'S  
DAY AND  
WE HADN'T  
GOTTEN  
TOGETHER  
LIKE THAT  
IN A  
WHILE...

DID YOU  
GET ALL  
YOUR  
ERRANDS  
DONE?



NO.

WILL  
YOU  
CLEAN  
MY  
EARS?

HEY,  
RICCHAN.

UGH!

I'M  
TIRED OF  
HOMEWORK.



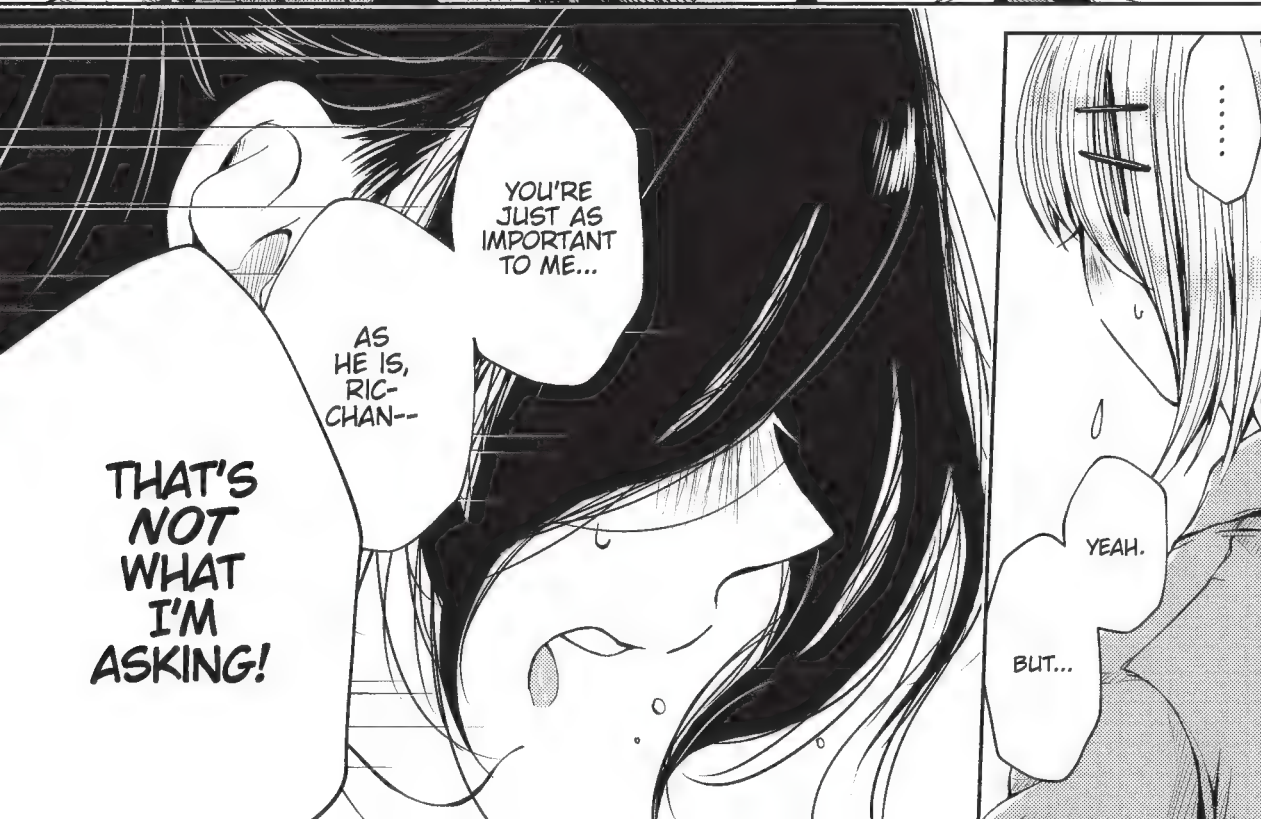


RICCHAN?



ARE YOU  
REALLY  
IN LOVE  
WITH  
SHUN?

HEY,  
ICHIKA?



YOU'RE  
JUST AS  
IMPORTANT  
TO ME...

AS  
HE IS,  
RIC-  
CHAN--

THAT'S  
NOT  
WHAT  
I'M  
ASKING!

YEAH.

BUT...





**YOU  
TWO  
PAIRED  
OFF AND  
LEFT ME  
BEHIND!**

**YOU'RE  
AN IDIOT  
IF YOU  
THINK WE  
CAN ALL  
GET ALONG  
FOREVER!**

**YOU  
TOTALLY  
ABANDONED  
ME,  
ICHIKA!**



**FINE!**

**RIC-  
CHAN--**

**IT...**

**IT  
WASN'T  
LIKE  
THAT!**





WOULD  
YOU  
HAVE  
GONE OUT  
WITH  
**ME**  
INSTEAD?!

TH-  
THEN...

YOU'RE  
ACTING  
WEIRD,  
RICCHAN.

HUH?

RICCHAN  
...

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

YOU  
ARE...

AND  
ALWAYS  
WILL  
BE...

WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU  
PICK  
ME?

IF I'D  
ASKED  
YOU OUT  
BEFORE  
HE DID  
...





NO!

OKAY?

MY  
BEST...

FRIEND.

I  
CAN'T...

I CAN'T  
STAND  
BEING  
"JUST  
FRIENDS"  
ANYMORE!





RICCHAN!

ST--

STOP!

NO!

AGH!

AH!

ICHIKA  
...

I...

ICHIKA  
...

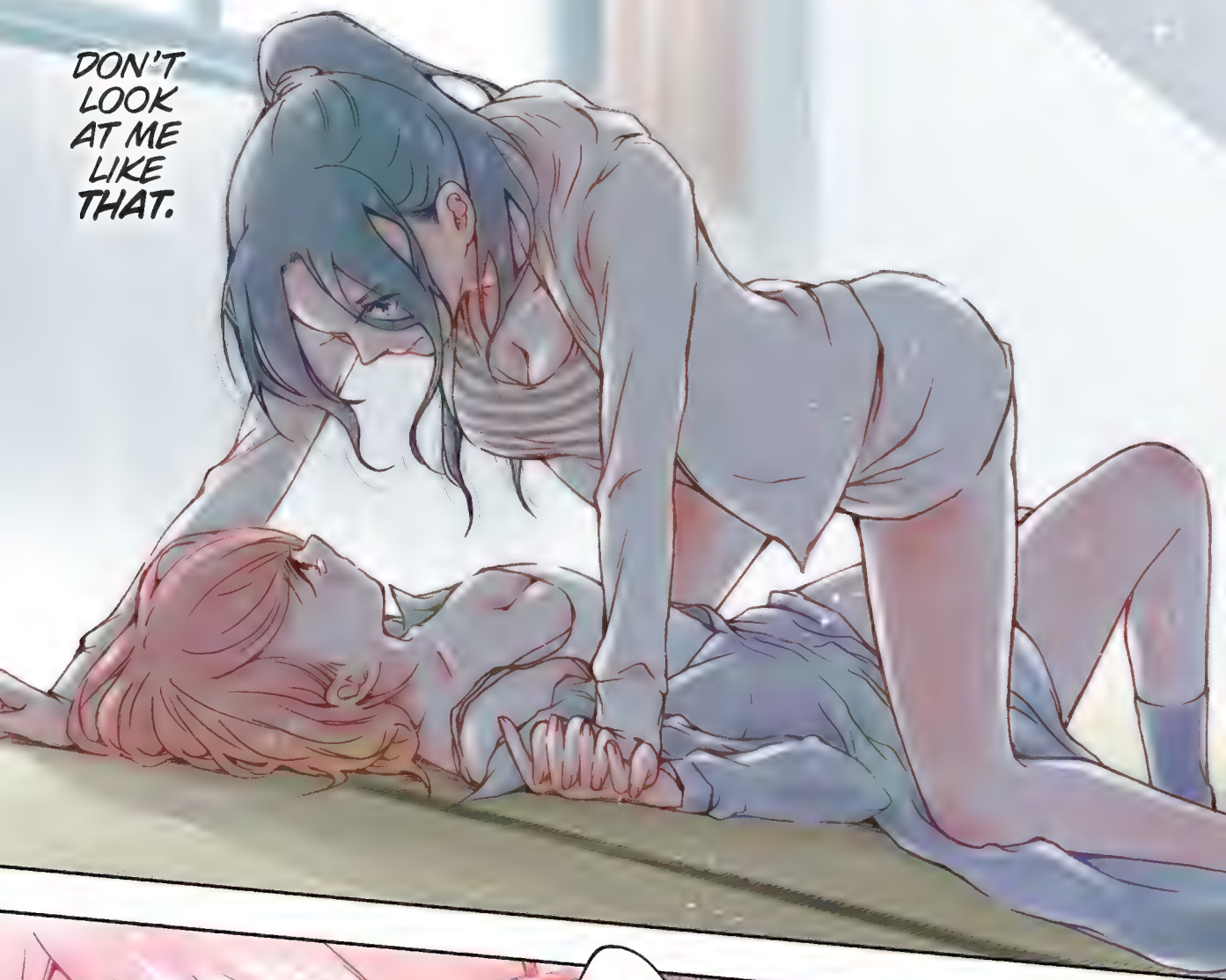




IS THAT  
WHY YOU  
KISSED  
ME?



DON'T  
LOOK  
AT ME  
LIKE  
THAT.



RICCHAN!!

WITH SO  
MUCH  
SORROW  
IN YOUR  
VOICE.

DON'T  
SAY MY  
NAME...







## Chapter 3



Transparent  
Light Blue









RITSU!



WE'RE  
ALL  
GONNA  
BE LATE  
NOW.

LATE  
AGAIN?

MORNING,  
RICCHAN.







THE  
TWO OF  
THEM  
WERE  
AS  
CLOSE  
AS  
EVER.



○

EVEN  
WHEN  
THE NEW  
SEMESTER  
STARTED...



BUT,  
IF MY  
FEELINGS  
WILL  
NEVER BE  
RETURNED...



THINGS  
WERE  
STILL  
AWKWARD.

IT  
WAS  
HARD  
FOR  
ME.





THEN  
I DON'T  
MIND  
BECOMING  
THE BAD  
GUY.



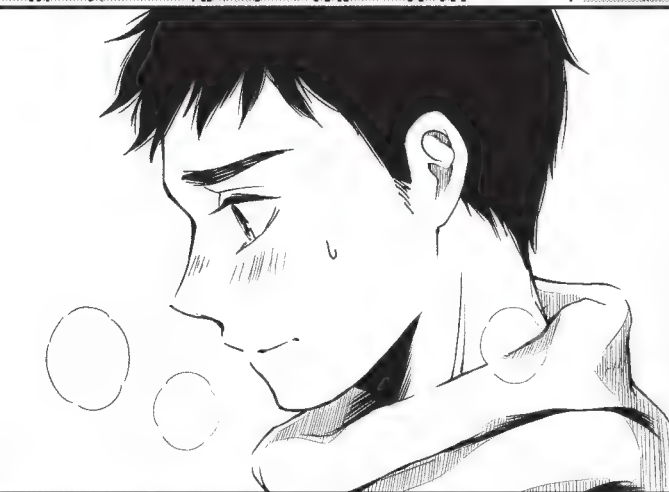
WE'RE  
PLAYING  
WEST  
HIGH.



HEY,  
SO...

NEXT  
SATUR-  
DAY...









YOU  
SHOULD  
GO.



HE'LL  
BE SO  
HAPPY  
IF YOU  
GO  
CHEER  
FOR HIM.



YOU'RE  
HIS  
GIRL-  
FRIEND,  
RIGHT?

RICCHAN  
...



I  
MEAN...

I'M  
NOT  
GOING  
TO GO.

SHUN'LL  
JUST BE  
ANNOYED  
IF I'M  
THERE.

NO,  
RICCHAN!



SHUN  
...

REALLY  
LIKES  
YOU  
A LOT,  
ICHIKA.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU,  
RICCHAN?





YEAH.



ARE YOU  
REALLY  
OKAY  
WITH NOT  
GOING?



WHY  
WOULDN'T  
I BE?

CLENCH

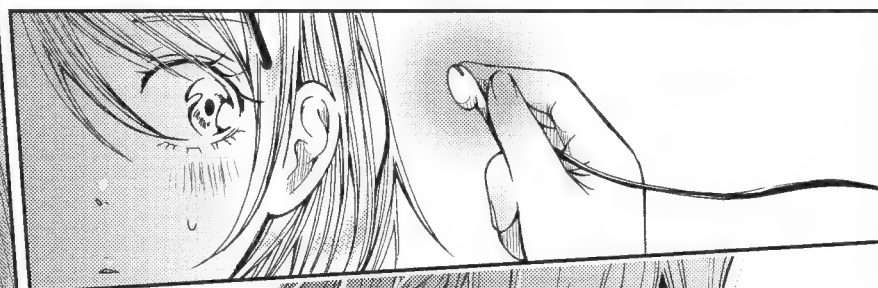
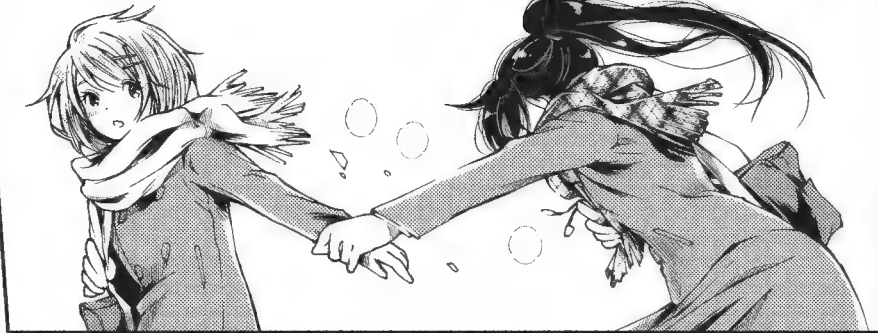
OF  
COURSE...

I  
AM.









I...I  
RECORDED  
YOU. HERE,  
LISTEN. YOU  
SOUNDED  
SO SEXY.

U  
N  
G  
H!  
A  
A  
H!

WAIT,  
WHAT?!







AH!

RIC-CHAN?!  
?

ICHIKA...

DOES  
IT FEEL  
GOOD?

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!









AH!

AHH!

UNGH!

AHH!

TAKE  
IT  
OUT!

AHH!

IT  
HURTS  
...

RIC-  
CHAN?

AH!

AH!

JUST  
HOLD  
ON...

YOU'RE  
GOING...

HOLD  
STILL,  
ICHIKA.

TOO  
DEEP...

A  
LITTLE  
LONG-  
ER.

AH!  
AH!

UNGH!

AAAA!

UNGH!





AH!

HAH!

AHH!

OOOH!

NO!

RIC-  
CHAN  
...!

UNGH!

AH!

AH!

AH!

WOW...

NO!

AH!

AH!

AH!  
♡

IT'S SO  
EMBAR-  
RASSING!

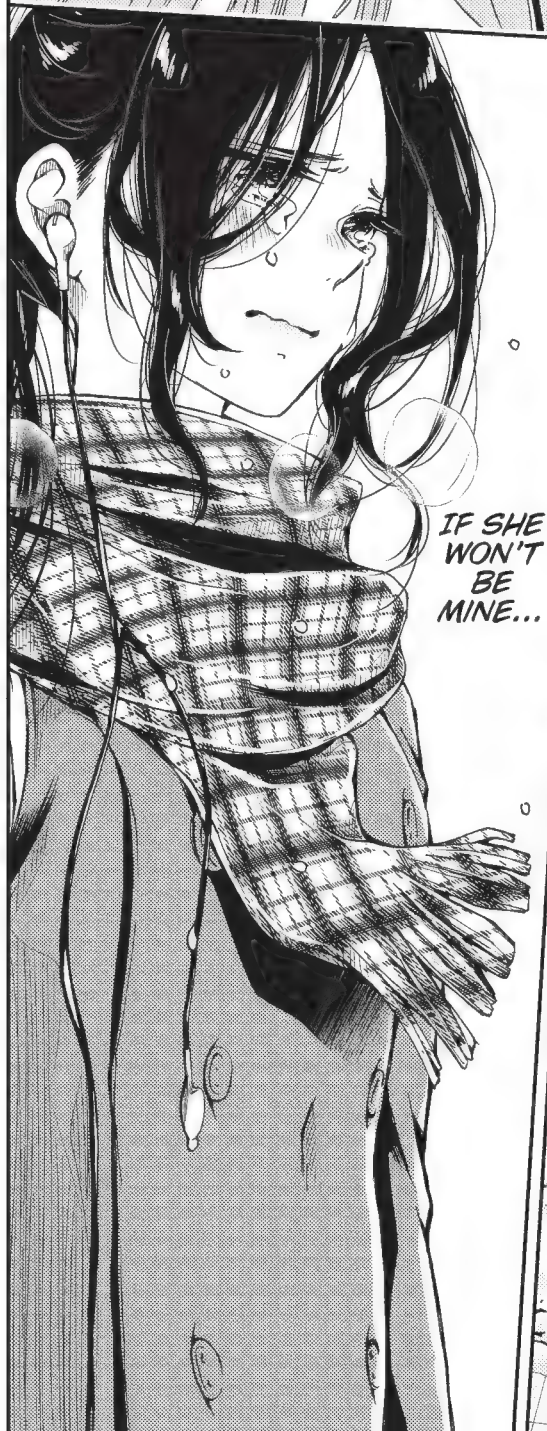
DON'T  
LOOK  
AT ME  
LIKE  
THAT!

LOOK  
HOW  
MUCH  
CAME  
OUT...

AH!

AHH!





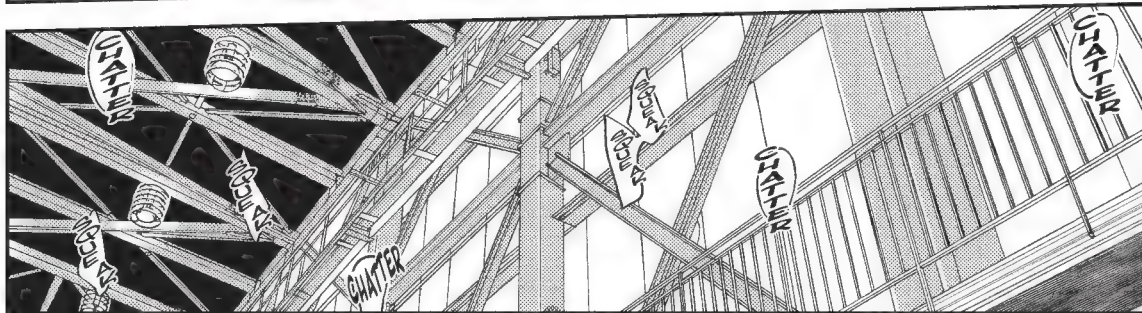


I'D  
RATHER  
SHE  
JUST  
HATE  
ME.

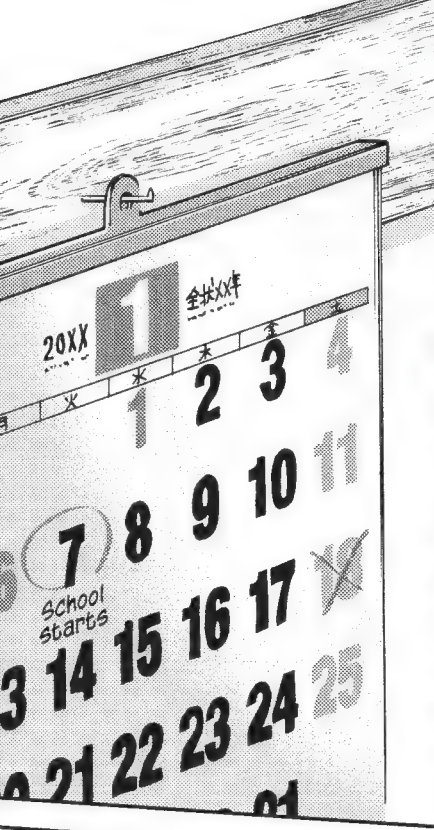
THEN I  
WANT  
TO  
HURT  
HER.



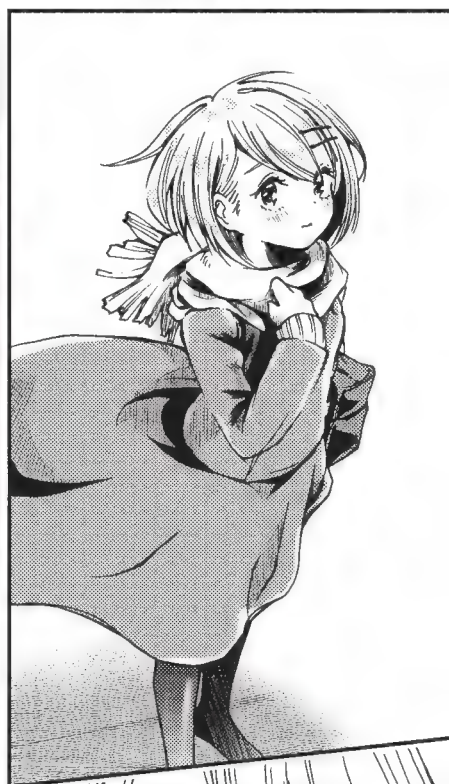




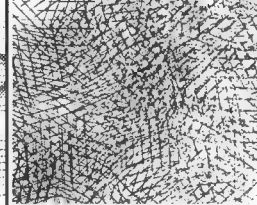




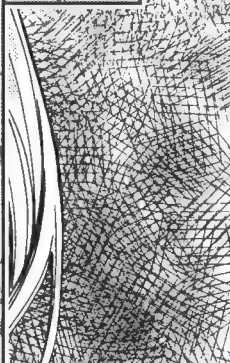
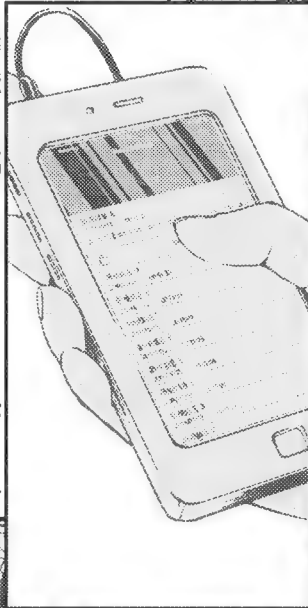








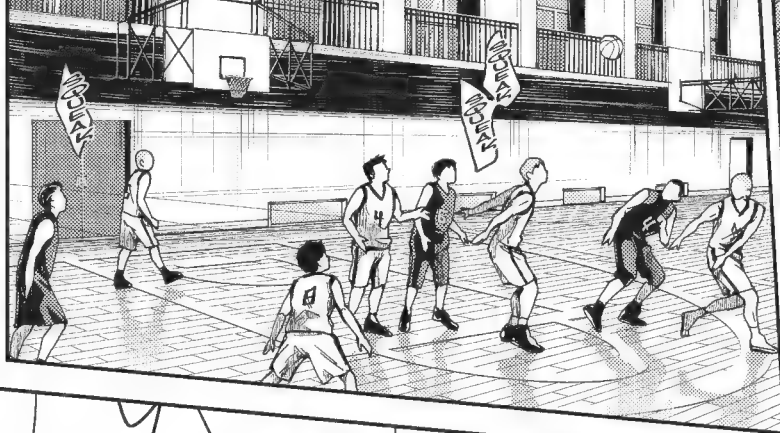
You  
wanna  
listen?



RICCHAN  
...







SHOOT!

DON



SHUN!

TOSS



"SHUN-  
KUN..."

YOU'RE  
...

THE  
WORST.

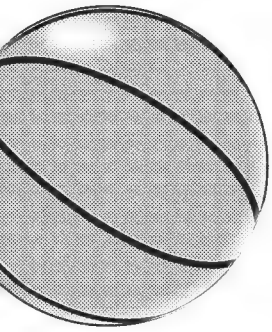


ICHIKA'S  
VOICE...



IF I HAD TO GIVE IT A COLOR, IT WOULD BE  
TRANSPARENT LIGHT BLUE.

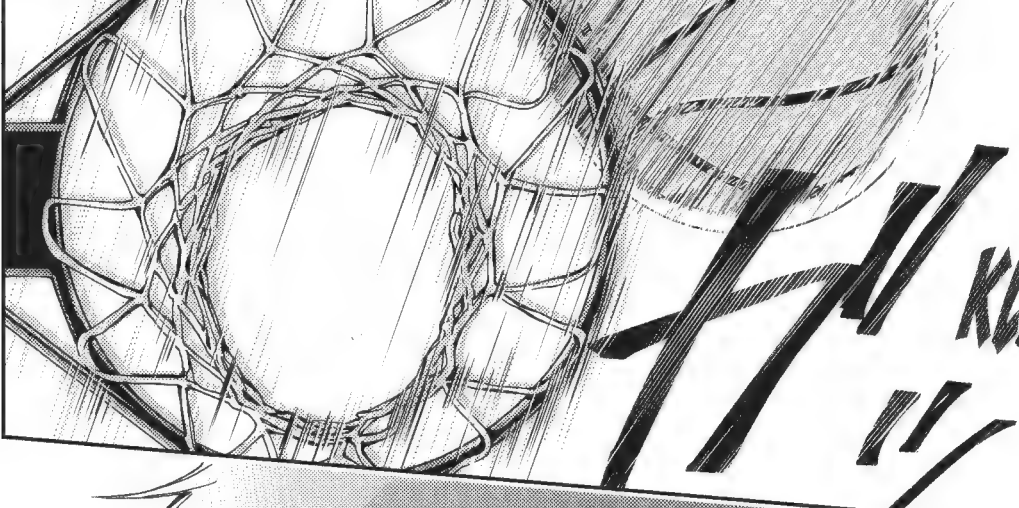
NO  
MATTER...



THE  
DIRECTION  
I TURN...







I DON'T  
HEAR  
HER  
VOICE.

F! KLING



I  
THOUGHT  
I COULD  
BEAT  
HER,  
BUT...



NO  
WORRIES,  
SHUN!

THERE'S  
ALWAYS  
...

NEXT  
TIME,  
EH?



THERE  
WON'T  
BE A  
NEXT  
TIME.

HUH?

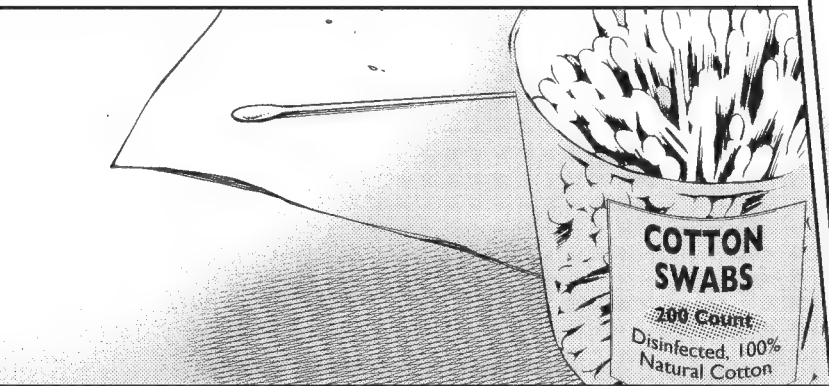












CLEAN  
MY  
EARS.



ICHIKA?









I'M  
KIDDING.

GRIP...

WHEN  
YOU  
CRIED  
FROM  
THE  
PAIN...

I'D  
COMFORT  
YOU.

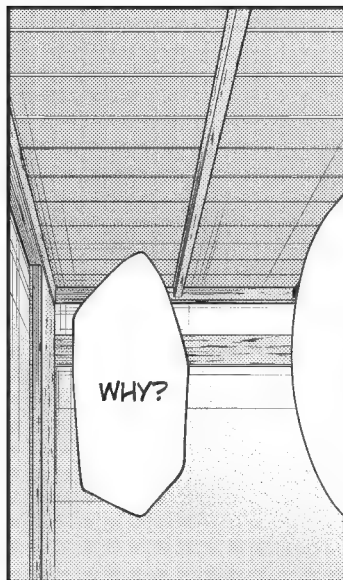
I'D  
HOLD  
YOU...

SO  
CLOSE  
...

I'D  
NEVER  
DO THAT  
TO YOU.

HMM.





WHY?

I ONLY  
LET YOU  
DO THIS,  
RICCHAN.

THAT'S  
WHY...

I  
KNOW.



AFTER  
...

WHY?!

WHY'D  
YOU  
COME  
HERE?



YOU  
ONLY...

MADE  
ME  
LISTEN...



AFTER I  
MADE YOU  
LISTEN  
TO THAT  
RECORDING  
...









SEEING  
YOU  
LOOK  
DOWN  
AT ME...

HEARING  
YOUR VOICE,  
FEELING THE  
WARMTH  
OF YOUR  
FINGERS...

I  
LOVE  
IT.



LOOKING  
UP AT  
YOUR  
FACE LIKE  
THIS...

I  
WAS SO  
SCARED.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
IT WAS  
MY OWN  
BODY...

THAT'S  
WHEN I  
REALIZED  
IT.



I...

THAT'S  
WHY...

I ONLY  
WANT  
TO BE  
TOUCHED  
BY YOU,  
RICCHAN.

ICHIKA  
...











I  
LOVE  
YOU.

IT'S  
OKAY...

RICCHAN.

THAT  
SLIGHTLY  
WAVERING  
VOICE...

IT WAS  
TRANSPARENT.  
TRANSIENT.

LIKE  
MELTING  
SNOW.









WHY NOT?  
YOU  
BARELY  
TALK!

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
CALL ATTEN-  
TION TO IT  
AND SAY IT  
ALOUD!



OH MY  
GOD,  
SHUN!

AH!

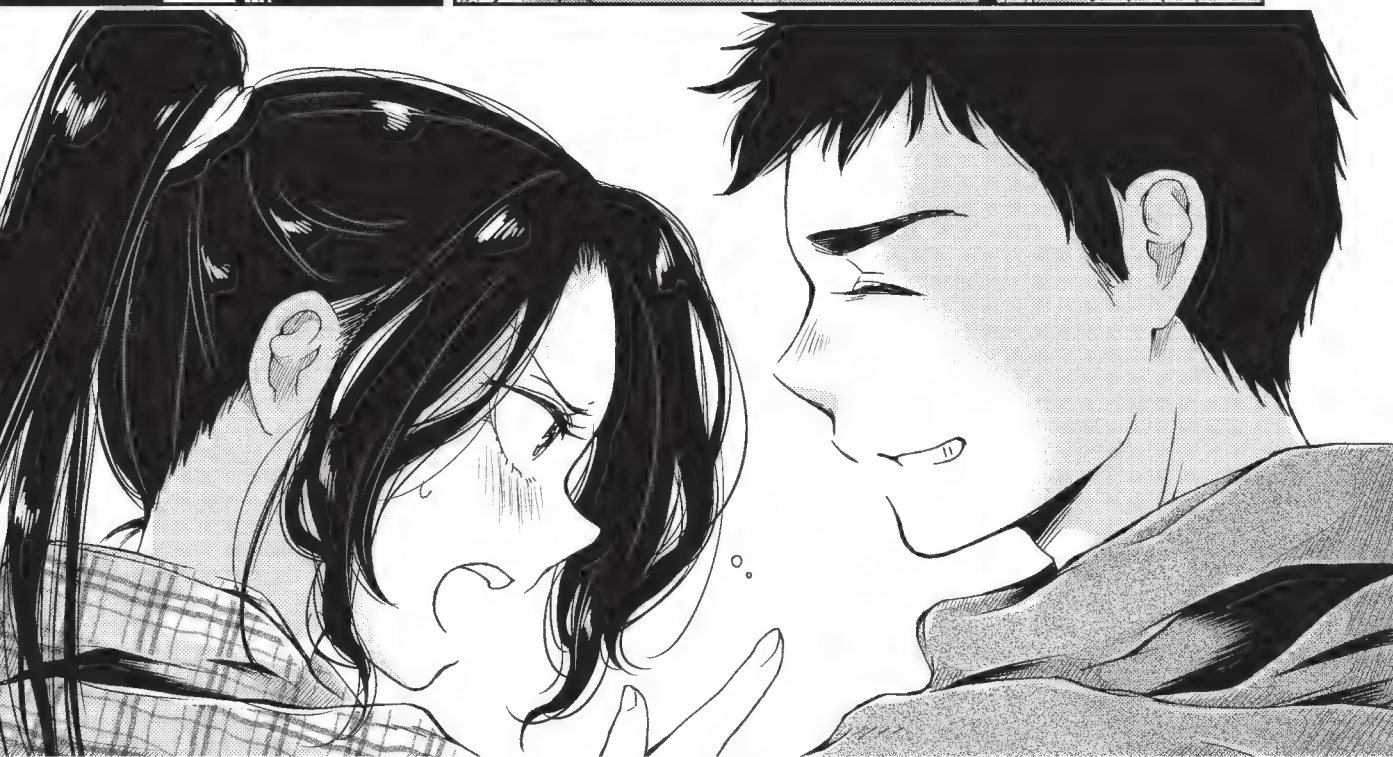
YUP!  
♥

HEY  
...

BE  
MORE  
DIS-  
CREET!

YOU'RE  
WEARING  
MATCHING  
SCARVES.

WHAT'S  
YOUR  
PROBLEM?!  
SHEESH.



HEY,  
SHUN!

YOU  
GET  
ALONG  
...

SO  
WELL.







LET'S  
GO.

CAPTAIN  
SAYS IT'S  
PRACTICE  
TIME!

OH.

SORRY.

I'M  
GOING  
TO  
GO ON  
AHEAD.

RICCHAN.





LET'S  
WALK  
FORWARD,  
TOGETHER.

OKAY...

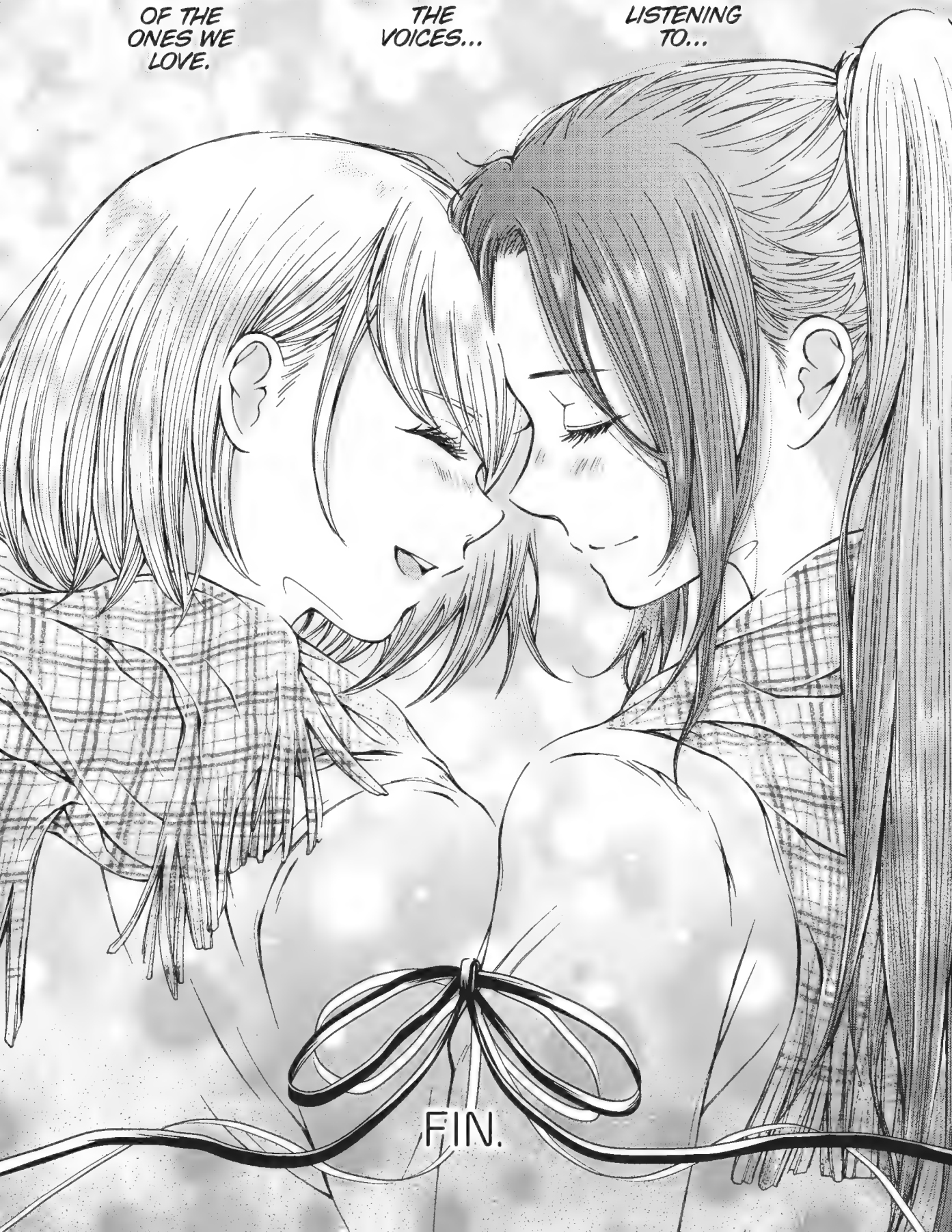
ICHIKA.



OF THE  
ONES WE  
LOVE.

THE  
VOICES...

LISTENING  
TO...



FIN.



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Light Blue



Transparent  
Light Blue





YOU'RE  
SO  
BEAUTI-  
FUL,  
LIKE A  
CLEAN  
WHITE  
APRON  
I'D  
DIRTY  
WITH A  
TOUCH.

THEY'RE  
FILTHY.  
IMPURE.

THE  
FEEL-  
INGS I  
HAVE  
FOR  
YOU...



I LOVE  
YOU,  
SENPAI.  
I JUST  
WANT  
TO  
HOLD  
YOU.

BUT I  
CAN'T  
TELL  
YOU  
THAT.





Apron

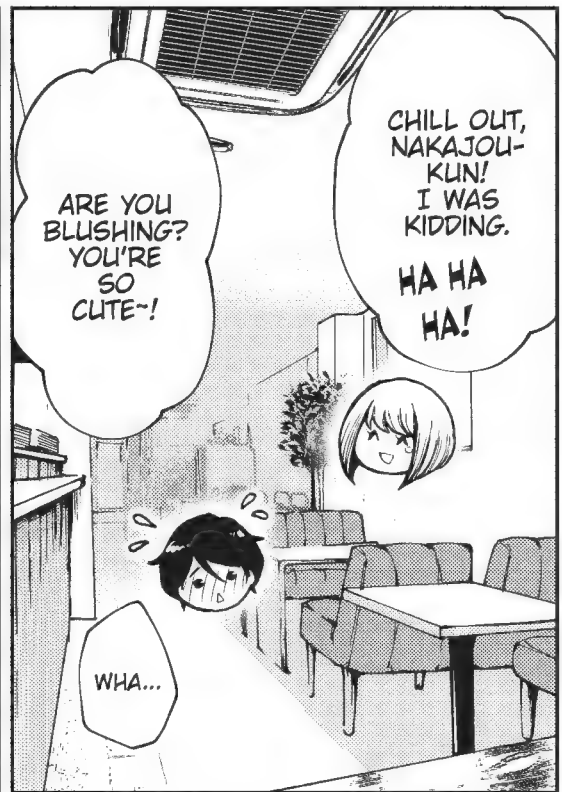
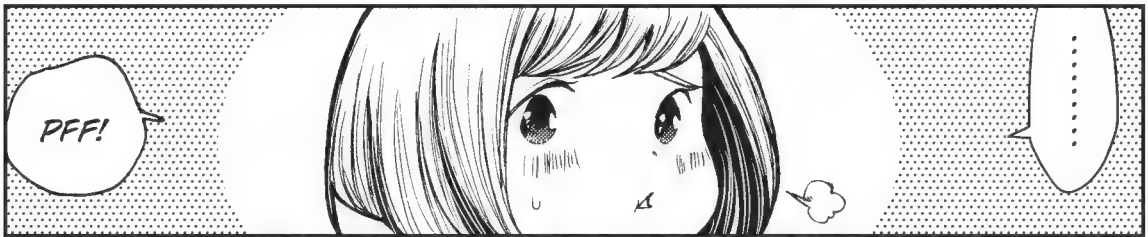








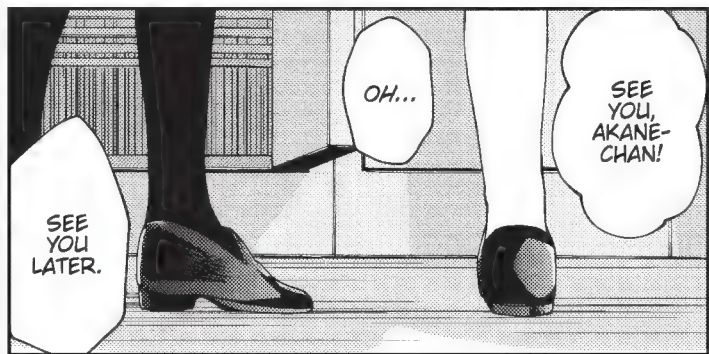
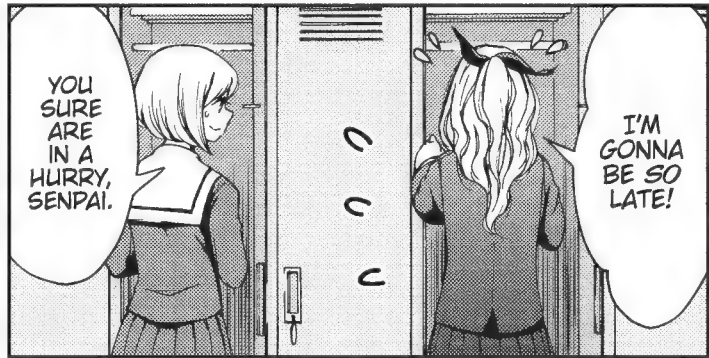




















I CAN TOUCH IT...

3

SENPAI...

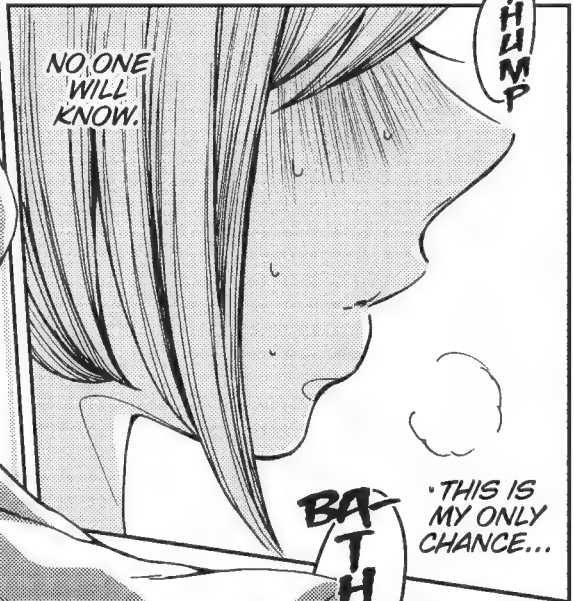


BATHUMP

NOBODY'S HERE.

BATHUMP

BATHUMP



NO ONE WILL KNOW.

BATHUMP

THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE...



BATHUMP



AKANE-  
SAN?

IS  
THAT...

HE  
SAW  
ME!

ERINA-  
SENPAI'S?

WHY?!

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP

BA-  
THUMP





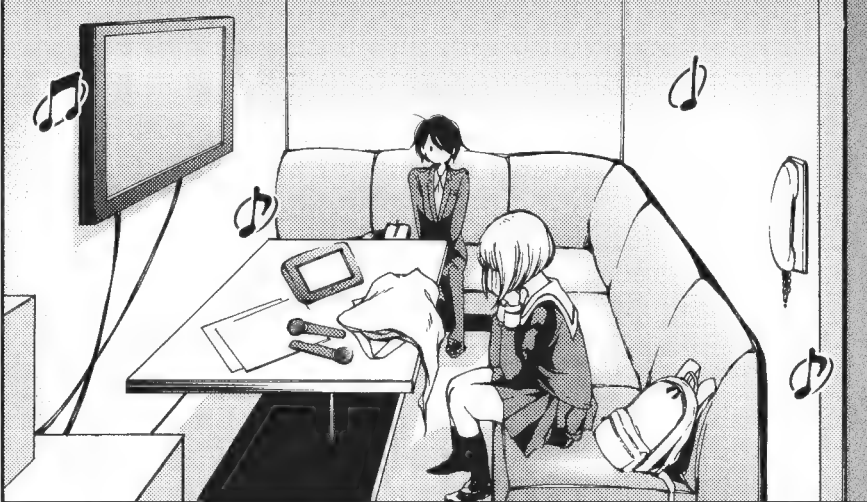




THERE ?

WERE YOU...

WHY ...



BUT, UH...

UHHH...

WHY'RE YOU THE ONE MAKING EXCUSES?

IT'S FINE.

THERE'S ONLY THE ONE EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM.

AND I'M USUALLY THE LAST ONE TO LEAVE, SO...

I-I WAS LATE GETTING CHANGED.



I EVEN BROUGHT SENPAI'S APRON BY ACCIDENT.

HOW'D THIS HAPPEN ??

IT'S NOT. THIS SUCKS.

WHY'D I FREAK OUT AND DRAG HIM HERE?

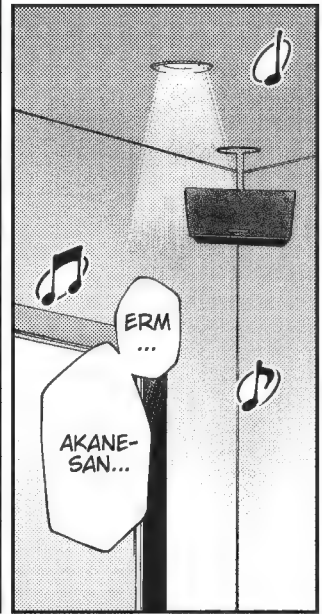




YOU  
DIDN'T  
HAVE  
TO DO  
THIS...

IT'S  
OKAY.

I  
WON'T  
TELL  
ANYONE.

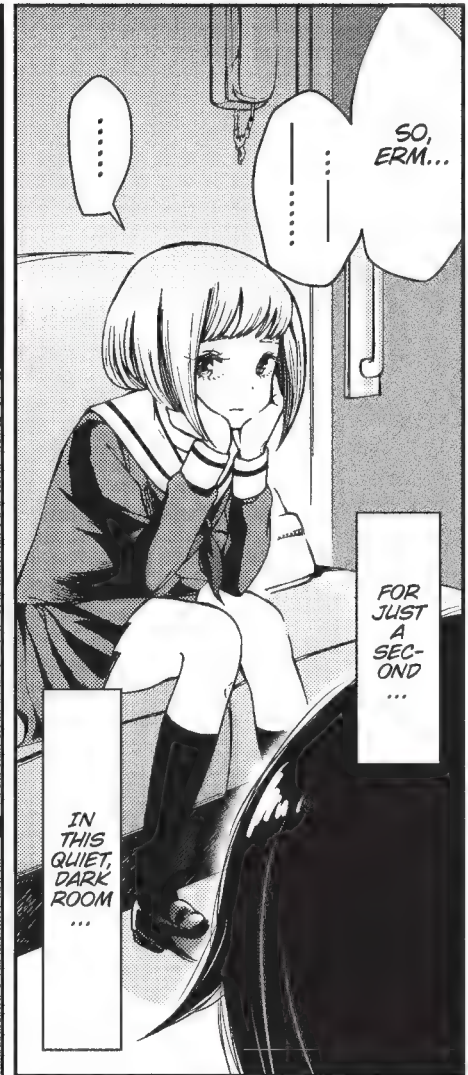


AKANE-  
SAN...

ERM  
...



HE  
REALLY  
DID  
LOOK  
LIKE  
ERINA-  
SEMPAI.



SO,  
ERM...

FOR  
JUST  
A  
SEC-  
OND  
...

IN  
THIS  
QUIET,  
DARK  
ROOM  
...





















AND  
SEN-  
PAI.

IT  
SMELLS  
LIKE  
COFFEE.

HAH

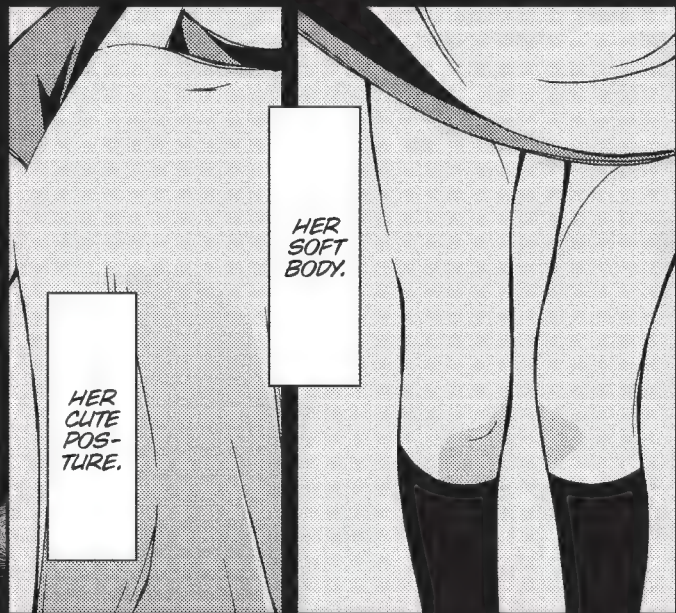
SZ-LL

SZ-LL

SZ-LL

HAH

HER  
APRON  
...



HER  
CUTE  
POS-  
TURE.

HER  
SOFT  
BODY.



HER  
PALE  
SKIN.

HER  
LONG  
HAIR.



HAHH!

SZ-LL

SENPAI  
...

SZ-LL

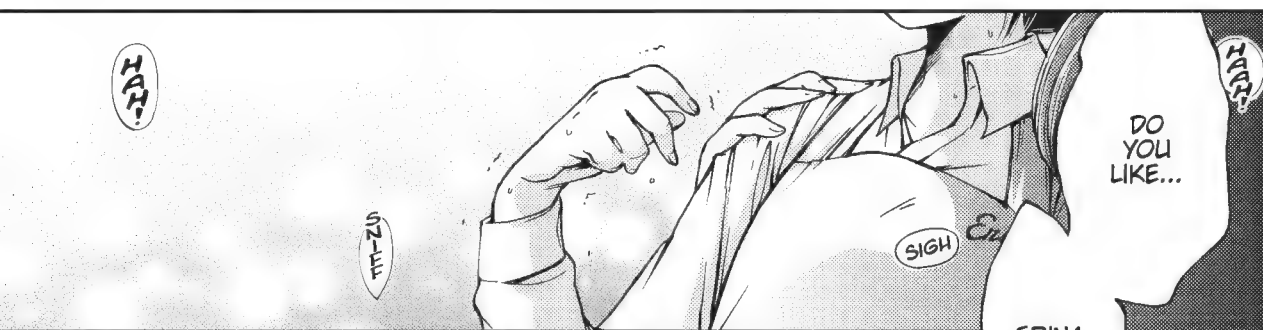
HAHH!

HAHH!

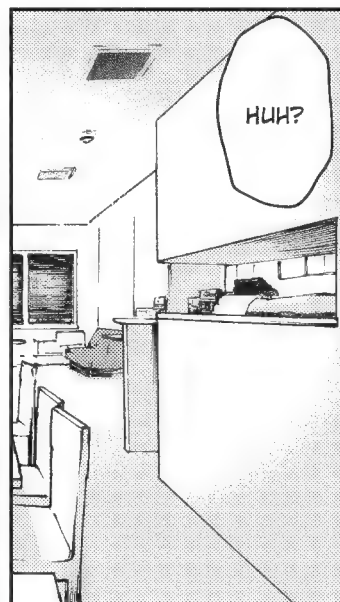
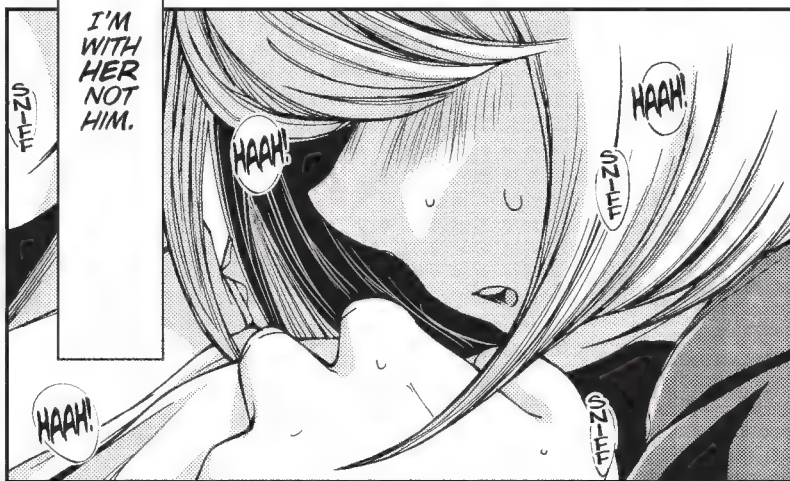
SENPAI  
...

SENPAI  
...















BUT  
THAT'S  
JUST  
HOW  
DEEPLY...



I'M  
IN  
LOVE  
WITH  
YOU.

AND  
HELD  
HIM  
TIGHT.



DOES  
THAT  
MAKE  
ME A  
PERVERT?



FOREVER  
AND  
EVER.

PLEASE,  
GOD...

LET THIS  
APRON  
STAY  
WHITE...

WHY  
NOT?

SPIT  
IT OUT  
ALREADY!

NAKA-  
JOU...

OH!

AKANE-  
SAN...

NO!  
WHH  
...

YOU  
DON'T  
WANT TO  
GO IN  
THERE...

HUH?

THESE'RE  
HEAVY.

COME  
ON,  
MOVE!

DRAG  
DRAG

SIGH  
...

SO  
HEAVY!



NO!!

KISS

FROM  
THE  
CRACK  
IN THE  
DOOR,  
I SAW  
HELL  
ITSELF.





**WE...**

**WE'RE  
ALL SO  
STUPID.**















IT'S  
NOT  
CLEAN  
ANY-  
MORE!

HUH  
?!

HEY!





THIS  
WHOLE  
MESS  
...

AKANE-  
SAN?!

WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING?!



HEY,  
COME  
ON!



CUT  
THIS  
OUT...

STOP...



THIS  
FEELING...







I  
HATE  
IT!



I  
HATE  
MEN!

WOULD  
DROP  
DEAD!

I  
WISH  
ALL  
OF  
THEM...





ME  
TOO.

DON'T  
TOUCH  
IT.

*Crina*

DON'T  
RUIN  
...

SUCH  
PURITY.

I...

DO...

TOO.



SUD-  
DENLY  
...



IN  
THAT  
MO-  
MENT  
...

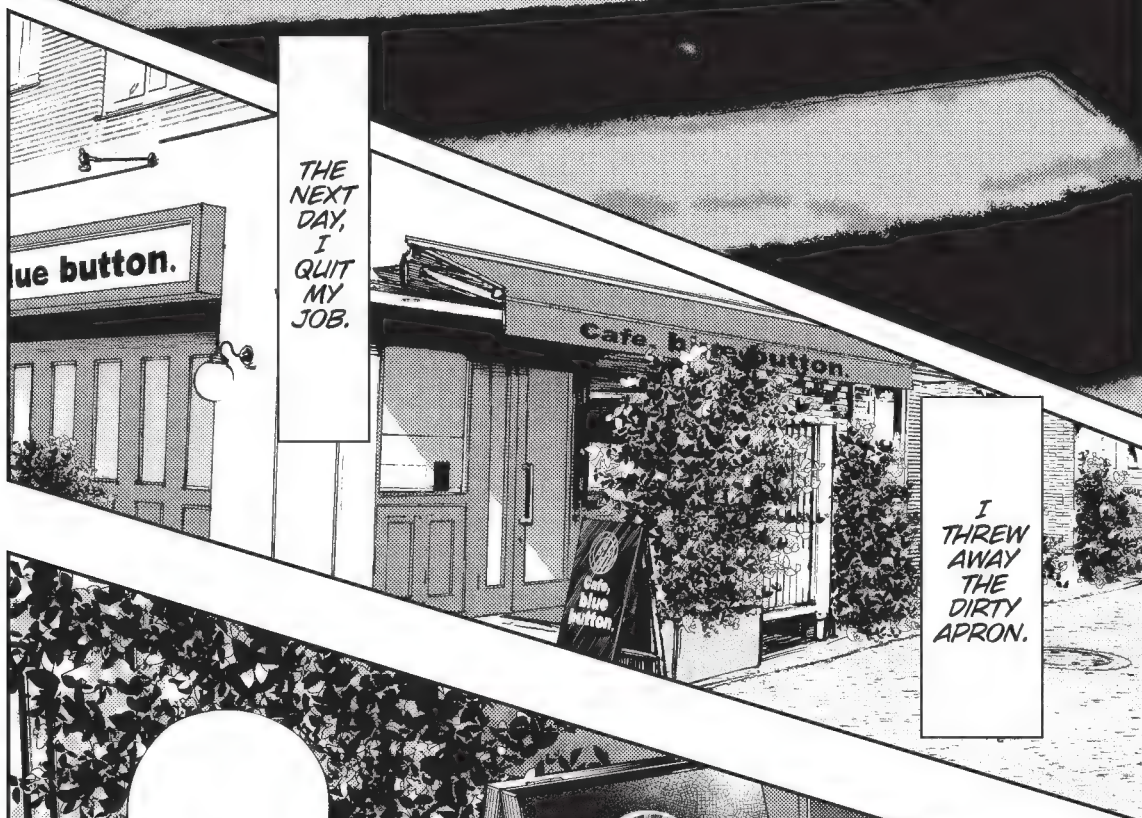
NAKA-  
JOU,  
HE...





I  
COULDN'T  
STAND IT,  
SO I LEFT  
WITHOUT  
ANOTHER  
WORD.

HE  
SEEMED  
TO KNOW  
SO MUCH  
MORE  
THAN  
ME.



THE  
NEXT  
DAY,  
I  
QUIT  
MY  
JOB.

I  
THREW  
AWAY  
THE  
DIRTY  
APRON.



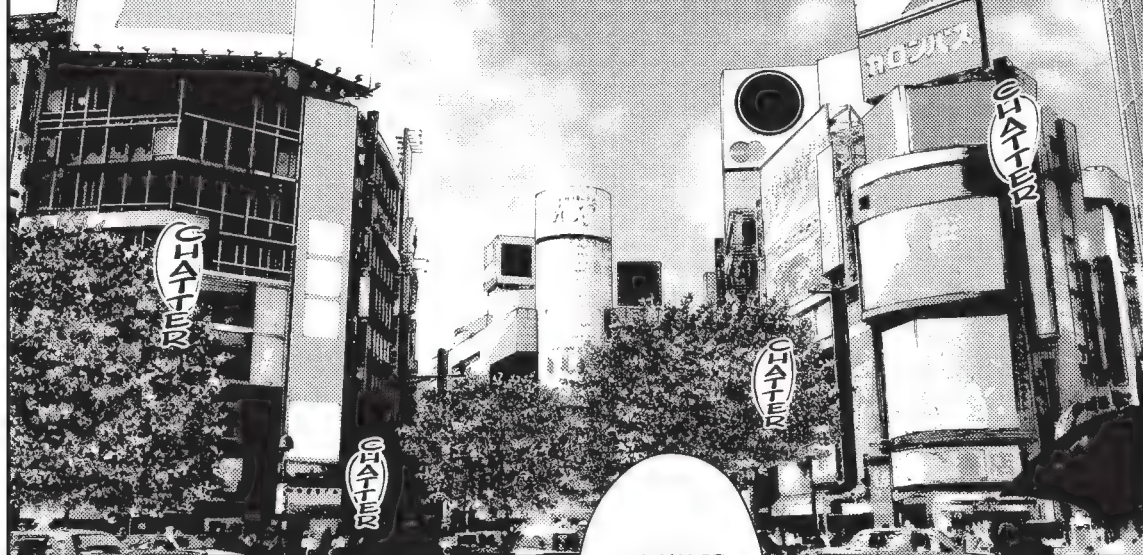
HEY,  
DID YOU  
HEAR?

Cafe,  
blue  
button.









SUMMER  
VACATION  
IS  
ALMOST  
HERE  
AGAIN.



OH...

I'M  
SO  
SOR--



I  
SHOULD  
START  
LOOKING  
FOR A  
NEW  
PART-TIME  
JOB...



ARGH!

SLAM







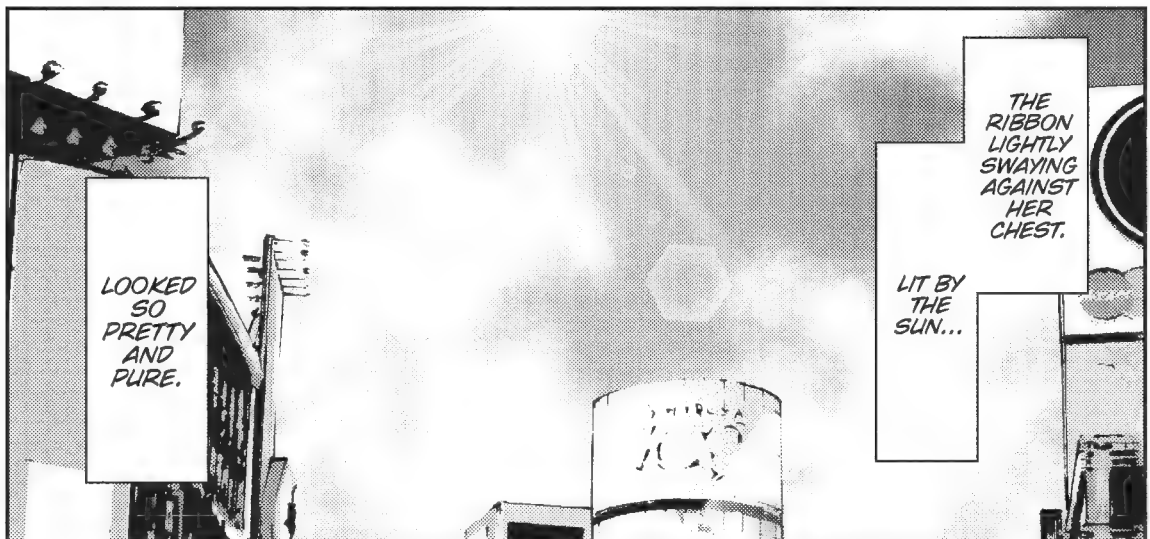






WAIT!







Transparent  
Light Blue



Transparent  
Light Blue



# Hiring Part-Timers

Hall/Kitchen Staff

No experience? High school student?  
Unemployed?

One day a week. 4+ hours a day.  
Flexible schedule.

Hourly pay: ¥900+ (with raises)

I  
remem-  
ber  
you.

So...

You  
come  
here  
a lot,  
right?



## Shade

oh!

Umm,  
I...

I  
like the  
coffee  
at this  
café!

So...





How  
'bout  
it?

You  
could  
pretend  
to  
be a  
guy...

And  
work  
here...



You  
don't  
like our  
coffee.

C'mon...

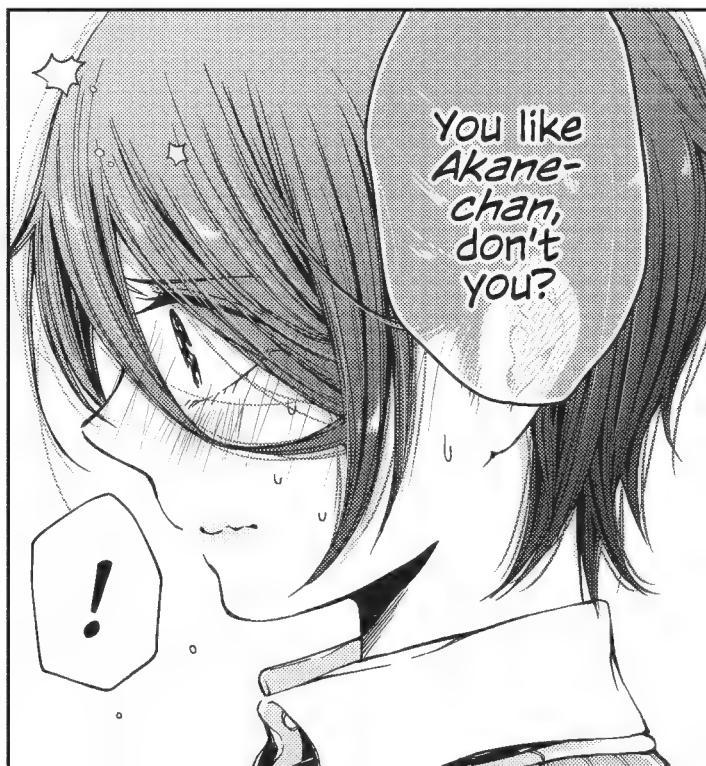
What?



If  
that's  
the  
case...

Ha!

BINGO!



You like  
Akane-  
chan,  
don't  
you?

!



I'm not  
going  
to hire  
you  
other-  
wise.

履歴書 2XXX年 6月 21日現在

|        |                                   |    |        |
|--------|-----------------------------------|----|--------|
| 氏名     | 中家 美由子                            | 性別 | 女性 (女) |
| 生年月日   | 2XXX年 5月 12日生 (満 16才)             | 写真 |        |
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| 携帯電話   | 090-2XXX-6XXX                     |    |        |
| E-mail |                                   |    |        |

(居住所以外に連絡を希望する)

You  
need  
to  
be a  
guy...

right?

So  
what  
are you  
going  
to do?

TO  
GET  
CLOSE  
TO  
HER.

EVEN  
IF I  
HAVE  
TO  
LOOK  
LIKE  
THIS...





AREN'T  
LOOKING  
AT ME.



EVEN  
IF  
YOUR  
EYES...



EVEN IF  
YOUR  
ARMS...

AREN'T  
WRAPPED  
AROUND  
ME.

I'M  
HAPPY.

I WAS  
SUP-  
POSED  
TO BE  
HAPPY...

Naka-  
jou?





I HATE  
THEM.  
MY MALE  
PERSONA  
AND...

ME?  
HAPPY?

sor-  
ry!

I'm  
so...

WHO  
WAS I  
KIDDING?

I  
RUINED  
EVERY-  
THING...

ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF THAT  
HOPE...

Akane-  
san!

MY  
FEMALE  
SELF.

I'm  
..

So...

AGH!

Sor-  
ry!



Sorry.

Just...



Forget  
all  
about  
this.

SLAM



...

100% Or  
NET WT 34.02 (1.15)



WAIT!

I HATE  
BOTH OF  
THEM.



IT'S A  
MIRACLE...

AKANE-  
SAN?

A...







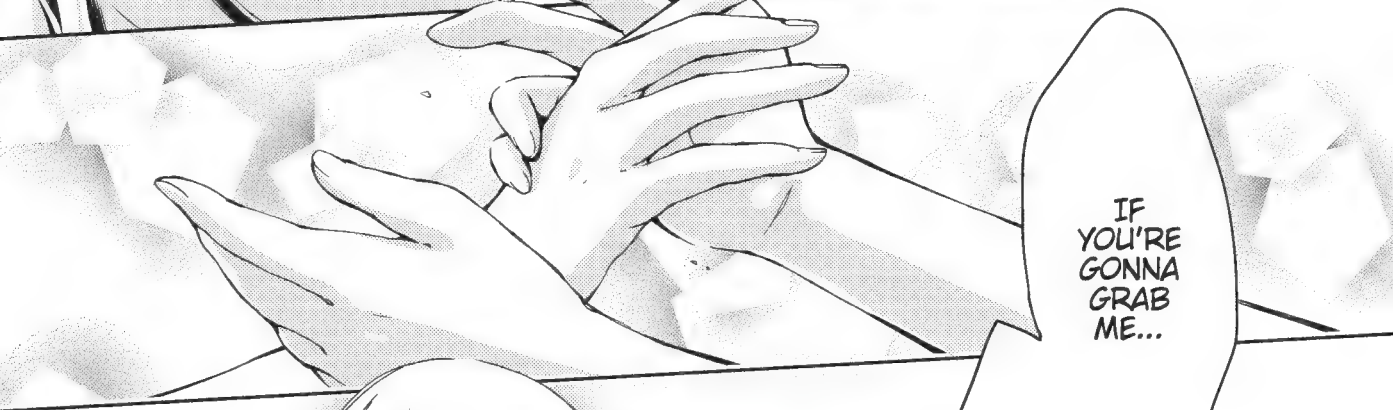
NAKA-  
JOU...

YOU  
DON'T  
EVEN  
REALIZE  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
DOING  
TO ME!

YOU  
DRAG  
ME  
AROUND  
LIKE A  
TOY.

YOU  
ALWAYS  
DO  
THIS...

AKANE-  
SAN.



IF  
YOU'RE  
GONNA  
GRAB  
ME...



LOOK  
AT  
ME!

THEN  
YOU'D  
BETTER  
...





**DON'T  
LET GO  
OF ME  
AGAIN!**





BLACK  
ROAD

COME  
ON.

THE  
LIGHT'S  
GONNA  
TURN  
RED.

GRIP...  
はっ





OKAY!



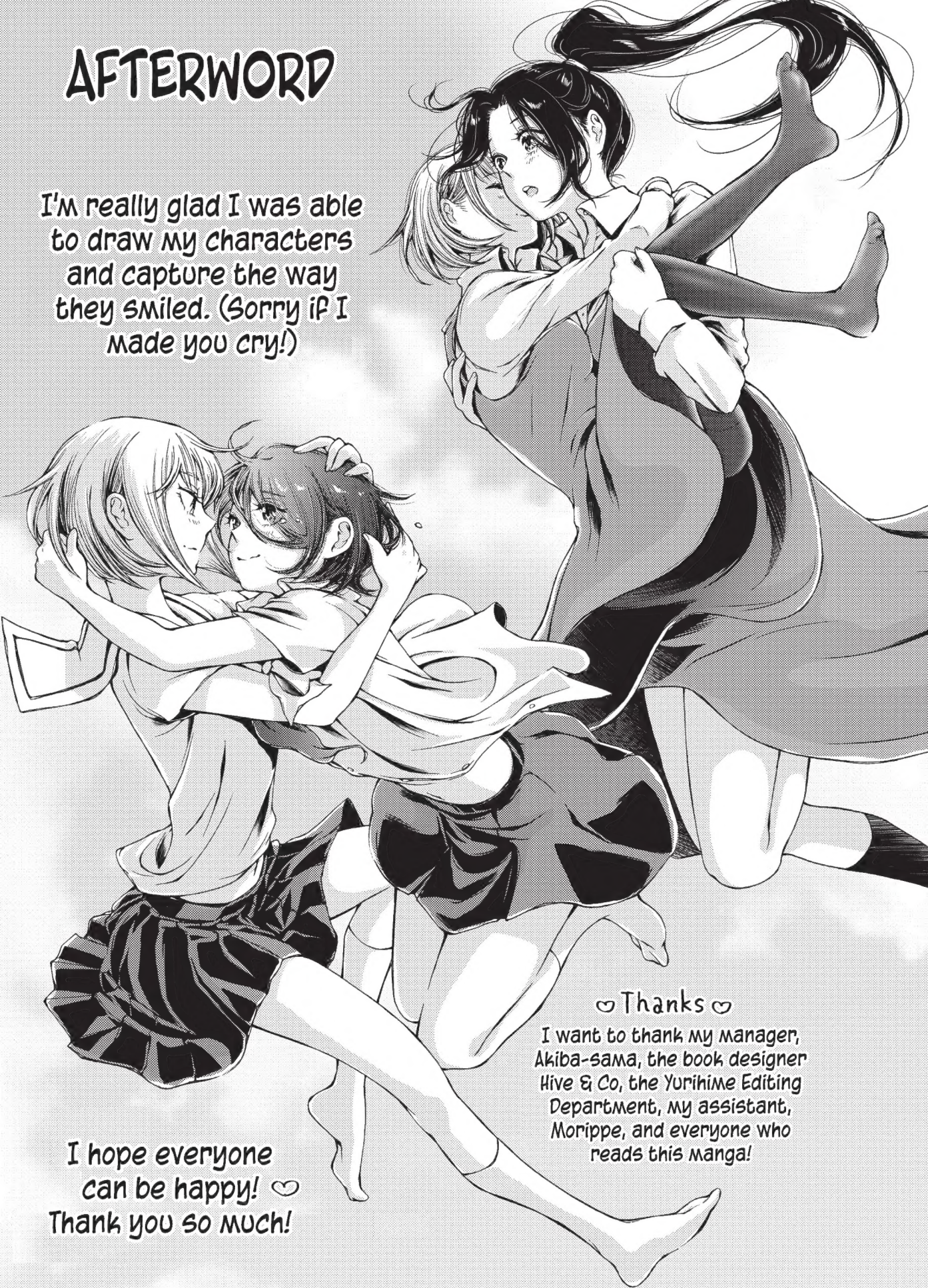
HEY,  
DO  
YOU....

WANT  
TO DO  
SOME  
KARAOKE?



# AFTERWORD

I'm really glad I was able  
to draw my characters  
and capture the way  
they smiled. (Sorry if I  
made you cry!)



I hope everyone  
can be happy! ♡  
Thank you so much!

♡ Thanks ♡

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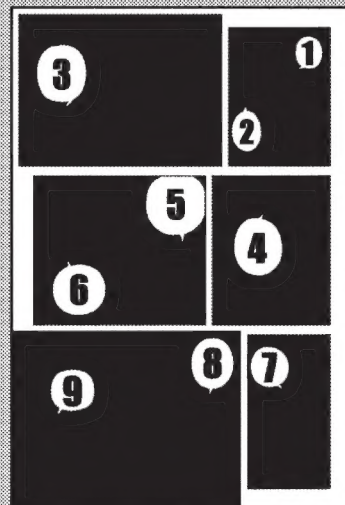
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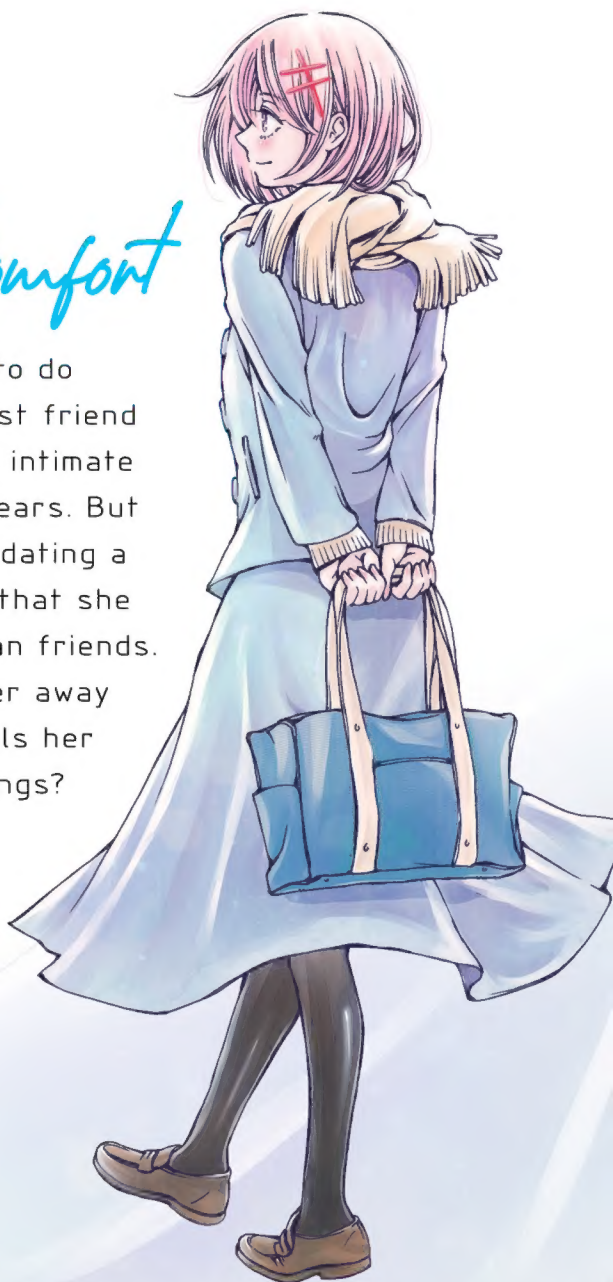






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